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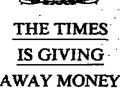
Algeria election in doubt after president quits

From Alfred Hermida in algiers

ALGERIA was in political turmoil last night following the resignation of President Chadli Benjedid on Saturday. A state of emergency appeared imminent and the constitution was expected to be suspended.

President Chadii's resignation appeared to be intended to thwart the election of an Islamic fundamentalist government in polls due to take place on Thursday. With no head of state or parliament - the national assembly was dissolved a week ago - the authorities are likely to annul the electoral process.

The country's main religious party, the Islamic Sal-





The foreign banknote that comes free with this edition of The Times could form the start of an international collection

GLUM STRUM



Amid threats of violence, Paul Simon opened his South African tour with a concert attended by a small and mostly white crowd Pages 9, 13

TIDE PRIDE



When Barbra Streisand stars in her own movie (The Prince of Tides is released next month), she makes sure she looks good. Geoff Brown on actordirectors Page 12

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vation Front, denounced the resignation. "It was a fla-grant piece of theatre designed to throw the country into turmoil and tension, Abdelkader Hachani, the party's provisional leader, said yesterday. He insisted that the electoral process

must be continued. The front, which has pledged to turn Algeria into an Islamic fundamentalist state, won a landslide victory in the first round of parliamentary elections on December 26 and looked certain to win the majority it needs in the second round of polling this week.

Tanks and heavily armed troops were deployed on Sat-urday night, at key buildings in Algiers, the capital, includ-ing the main government of-fices and the television and radio station. Riot police were also sent to the fundamentalist strongholds of Bab el-Oued and Kouba.

Although the capital re-mained calm yesterday, the Foreign Office advised Britons not to travel to the country and told nationals living there to keep in touch with the British embassy and "to take sensible precautions and avoid potential troublespots". The US State Department also advised American citizens to exercise caution.

Sidi Ahmed Ghozali, the prime minister, has taken over political control, while Abdelmalek Benhabyles, the head of Algeria's constitu-tional council, has become head of state. He must now organise presidential elections within 45 days.

Mr Ghozali, who ordered the deployment of troops. said on Saturday: "Algeria is facing an unprecedented situation. But the government will continue to fulfil its obligarions." He said he called out the army to mai national security.

The defence ministry tried to quell rumours of a military coup and said that the army was acting on Mr Ghozali's orders. "The army reiterates its loyalty to the constitution and the existing constitutional bodies," it said.

LAWYERS acting for Richard Branson's Virgin Atlantic airline have briefed Europe-

an Commission officials on

his claim that British Airways

has been waging a "dirty

tricks" campaign against the

BY JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF JAPAN'S leading television company,

NHK, is in ever deeper, hotter water

with the government after broadcasting

last night previously unscreened film of President Bush's collapse at last Wed-

nesday's Tokyo banquet.

The most explicit footage of the presi-

dent apparently collapsing and vomit-ing over Kiichi Miyazawa, the Japanese Prime Minister, was edited out of the

NHK broadcast, as it was in the version

shown on Saturday night by the American ABC network. Daphne Polatty, a spokeswoman for ABC News in New York, said a few seconds were deleted

because the footage was too graphic.

But journalists have seen the com-plete tape, and The Washington Post gave a full description of it on Saturday.

The longer version records the events

immediately before the television im-

independent airline.

marketing.

President Chadli announced his resignation in a live broadcast on Algerian television. "I believe that the only situation to the current crisis is for me to retire from the was resigning in the interests of national unity.

The president also made a veiled reference to the elections. "The measures we have taken to solve our problems have reached a limit beyond which it will be impossible to go without seriously prejudic-ing national unity," he said. "Before this imminent danger I believe that the initiatives taken do not guarantee

peace and harmony among

The danger the president referred to was the success of the front in the first ballot. President Chadli had considered democracy as the answer to Algeria's social and economic problems, but neither he nor the ruling National Liberation Front party expected the fundamentalists to win such a convincing victory in the first-round elections. The party won 188 seats of the 231 seats contested.

The prospect of a fundamentalist regime sent shock waves through the country. More than 150,000 people. who feared that the front would put an end to the country's first experience of democracy, staged a protest march through Algiers 11

The front's success also alarmed Algeria's neighbours, Morocco and Tunisia, which have banned their own fundamentalist movements. and the French government was particularly concerned that the creation of an Islamic state would lead to a new influx of refueces.

Yesterday, or minister, said that the government had made contingency plans.

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Virgin puts British Airways

'dirty tricks' file before EC

The Times has investigated

the allegations contained in

the dossier submitted to the

EC and found evidence of an

aggressive public relations

and marketing campaign ap-

parently designed to dent the

Branson image, including



Military might: a tank among normal civilian vehicles in the streets of Algiers after Saturday night's resignation of President Chadli

INSIDE Mirror bid called off

Pearson, owner of the Financial Times, will tell the Stock Exchange this morning it is withdrawing from bidding for Mirror Group Newspapers "after careful consideration of the available information" on its financial affairs. MGN directors meet bankers today to secure operating funds until May Page 21

Bomb factory Police in Belfast made a

second major arms find in as many days yesterday when they uncovered 1,500lb of explosive in an west of the city...... Page 3

Top hat-trick Lee Chapman of Leeds Un-

ited scored a hat-trick in a 6-I win at Sheffield Wednesday to take his side back to the top of the First Division ladder...

Tories attack Ashdown as victory doubts grow

By Sheila Gunn, political correspondent

SIGNS of panic emerged among Conservative party strategists vesterday when they switched their anack to the Liberal Democrats as the odds shortened on a hung parliament at the general

For the first time, senior Fories appeared to endorse the prospect that they could fail to win an overall majority.

John Wakeham and Chris Patten warned Paddy Ashdown's supporters that they would be helping to elect a ing they switch their votes to

the Conservative party. Government sources also confirmed that informal discussions would be held with the nine Ulster Unionist MPs in the run-up to poiling day to discuss their demands in the event of the Tories failing to win an overall maiority. Meanwhile Mr Ashdown

raised the stakes for a postelection deal by saying that his price for taking part in a 'partnership parliament" did not rest only on a commitment to introducing a proportional representation voting system within five years. An incoming prime minister would also need the Liberal Democrats' endorse-



Ashdown: stakes are set higher than just PR

ment of his package of eco-nomic policies before gaining their support, he said on BBC Radio 4's The World This Weekend.

"I wouldn't be prepared to take part in a government which gave us PR but which bankrupted Britain, so there are other policies in there ... that would provide a stable and successful government for Britain over four years." The latest NOP poll for

iTN and The Independent on Sunday gave Labour a servatives, which would be enough to secure Neil Kinnock an overall majority. Mr Ashdown said, however, that 37 of the 40 recent polls indicate that neither Labour nor Conservative would win outright. That would leave an incoming government dependent on support from minority parties, mainly the Liberal Democrats and the Ulster

Unionists. As the early skirmishes in the election campaign intens-ified yesterday Labour strategists were jubilant that Tory attacks on their tax policies had not been reflected in the opinion poll.

In the first of his pre-election rallies Neil Kinnock took as his theme the government's "paralysis" in the face of the recession. He said his party was committed to modernisation to build the foundations of future economic strength."But this government is not about problem solving." he added "It's about problem dodging."

Criticising the govern-ment's privatisation plans Mr Kinnock said: "This is a government with the mentality of those shop squatters who hit the city centres before Christmas. Above all, they want to privatise British Rail. If it was ever allowed to happen, it would truly be a closing down sale. Of all the things British Rail needs, being parcelled

Pile-ups in fog shut motorway

By DAVID YOUNG

POLICE are urging drivers to take extra care this morning to cope with icy roads and freezing fog after a bout of "motorway madness" closed a stretch of the Mo in Cheshire yesterday.

Twenty nose-to-tail accidents were reported on a 30mile stretch between junctions 16 and 22 before lunchtime. One person was seriously injured in the worst of the pile-ups, at Sandbach, and scores of others suffered

Fog shrouded much of central Scotland last night, affecting the M8 between Glasgow and Edinburgh, Strathclyde police said that Glas-Continued on page 20, col 1

Forecast, page 20

ANNUITIES The most important

up and sold off is the very

last." His deputy Roy

Hattersley said, at the same

rally, that Labour wanted to

end the age of the speculator

As MPs return to the Com-

mons today after the Christ-

mas recess, the main parties

will embark on their second

week of campaigning with

the Conservatives concentrat-

ing on attacking Labour on

defence and foreign affairs,

and Labour, in turn, holding

daily press conferences on un-

tax, privatisation and the im-

pact of the recession. In a

letter yesterday to his con-

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Before you look to your future, look to our past

In an unpublicised meeting tactics to dissuade both Britwith staff from the EC compeish and overseas passengers tions as "wholly without founfrom flying Virgin and attition commission, the lawdation" and suggests that Mr vers have claimed that BA has tempts to leak to newspapers Branson is over-reacting, in a potentially damaging stories abused its dominant position, difficult period for all airlines. about Mr Branson and his conducting a smear campaign and employing unfair

Allegations of "dirty tricks" practices in sales and have been made against BA by its rivals in the past, not The move, the latest in an extraordinary dispute be-tween "the world's favourite ground Laker's Skytrain. airline" and its most popular

least when the airline cut its prices in an attempt to Mr Branson, who has com-

"Some companies in England now seem prepared to adopt US-style tactics, but for an airline with a virtual monopoly to use them against a much smaller competitor is disgraceful and surprising. We have got to shout 'foul' before the damage is done." BA dismisses the allega-

to unaccustomed criticism. Brian Basham, a PR consultant hired by BA, denied the existence of any "dirty tricks campaign" and added: "I am happy for the EC to look at this and I am quite confident

British challenger, could lead plained to BA directors about to the EC taking action under the campaign, said yesterday: War in the skies, page 2 its unfair competition rules. Cameras too candid at Tokyo banquet

ages broadcast all over the world last Wednesday showing a prostrate Mr Bush, surrounded by aides, getting to his feet with a pinched smile to assure

the other guests that he was all right. The new material, which shows the president apparently fainting begins with a shot of Mr Bush, chatting with Mr Miyazawa and Mrs Bush at the dinner table. As Mr Miyazawa turns to talk to Mrs Bush, Mr Bush suddenly closes his eyes, sways dizzily and his

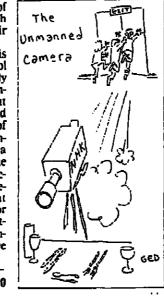
head flops down onto his chest. A state of mild hysteria erupts as Mrs Bush leaps from her chair with a napkin and a secret service agent vaults over the dinner table, and eases Mr Bush onto the floor.

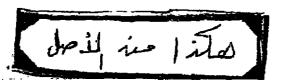
NHK TV, which had two cameras set up in the banquet hall that evening, had permission to film only the toasts and the speeches. When the cameramen were ordered to leave the room after the toasts, one defied the ban and left his

camera running, locked into a shot of the top table where Mr and Mrs Bush and Mr Miyazawa were beginning their

The Japanese government, which is accustomed to exerting strong control over all Japanese reporting, is painfully aware of the damage that NHK's candid camera has caused to their eminent guest. NHK denies having recorded tape of the first dramatic 30 seconds of Mr Bush's illness, claiming that its camera was merely transmitting images to a monitor and that nobody pressed the button to record the tape until 30 seconds into the event. Some foreign television producers in Tokyo believe that either NHK is being disingenuous, or that one of its foreign television partners, which were also receiving the images on their own monitors, must have recorded the film.

Bush tackles jobs, page 10





The Times investigates a dirty war in the skies

BA accused of underhand campaign

BRITISH Airways now stands accused at the European Commission of using dubious tactics to dissuade passengers from flying Virgin Atlantic, and of underhand public relations methods in a "dirty tricks" campaign against the airline, run by Richard Branson.

Enquiries by The Times have discovered that some of the allegations presented by Virgin to the EC appear well founded. The BA sales force regarded Virgin as "public enemy number one" and, in the view of a former employee, delayed onward bookings in Britain and Europe for Virgin Atlantic passengers. The tactics used by a public

relations consultant hired by BA included spreading rumours about a London nightclub owned by Mr Branson and that a top executive had deserted his airline because it

was "appallingly run".
The activities exemplify the unacceptable face of public relations. On opposing sides in the BA/Virgin dispute are David Burnside, who heads a BA public relations team of several dozen, and Will Whitehorn, who leads a team, of two for Virgin. Both are equally convinced that some journalists, including Harvey Elliott, The Times air correspondent, are in the other's camp. Mr Whitehorn has hinted that Mr Elliott is a soft touch for planted BA stories, while only last week Mr Burnside told Mr Elliott: "You are becoming a real irritation and we will have to do something about it."

This paranoia, understandable considering the fragile state of the aviation industry. is shared by their respective chairmen. Mr Branson has accused BA of "dirty tricks. sharp practice in sales and marketing and lack of cooperation in safety-related engineering matters". Lord King, BA's chairman, dismisses the allegations as wholly without foundation. He and his colleagues have been infuriated, however, by Civil Aviation Authority decisions to award Virgin a share of the London-Tokyo route and to allow it to use Heathrow airport for some flights.

Evidence gathered by The Times shows that Virgin became BA's "public enemy number one" even before the CAA decisions. Many people we interviewed have insisted on anonymity because they still work in the aviation industry and have business connections with BA.

They include one former

end of 1990 he was told by his manager that plans were being laid to undermine the Branson image. In a personal letter to Mr Branson, he said that he was aware that BA staff then began an aggressive campaign to woo poten-tial Virgin passengers in the Gatwick catchment area and also tried to prevent Virgin from getting favourable take-

The informant says the tac-tics were abandoned after Virgin lodged a draft complaint with the EC a year ago and that he and other staff were instructed to destroy all documents targeting Virgin. Last autumn, the activity

against Virgin took a new

turn and Brian Basham, a public relations consultant hired by Mr Burnside, began to take a significant role. Mr Basham set about leaking to selected journalists a document that he claimed was a "private and confidential" report on Virgin and a letter from Mr Branson to his staff. The report, which was unsourced, mixed fact and rumour and suggested that Virgin had financial weak-nesses and that Mr Branson had some dubious advisers and interests. The letter to staff proved less depressing than Mr Basham had hinted. although in it Mr Branson admitted that initial forecasts for the next 12 months had given "cause for concern".

The dossier handed to EC

officials last week mentions The Times in connection with allegations about Mr Basham circulating damaging information. It says: "On October 25, 1991, a journalist from The Times called Virgin Atlantic to say that he had heard that a letter was being circulated to staff about redundancy programmes". Mr Elliott says that he made the call after being told of the letter by a director of another independent airline. In other documents, Virgin accepts that the subsequent Times article was accurate.

Mr Basham's search for "credulous" journalists led him at the same time to Chris Hurchins, a Today columnist. Mr Basham told Mr Hutchins that Heaven, the nightclub owned by Mr Branson in London's West End, was sure to be raided for drugs soon, and that it was a scandal that Mr Branson should be awarded lucrative air routes ahead of BA, because he ran "a dicky business".

Mr Basham then introduced the subject of Mike Batt, a BA executive who had employee who said that at the been wooed by Virgin but had



King: dismissed the



Branson: accused BA of "dirty tricks"



Basham: attempted to plant story in Today



Burnside: irritated by

Times correspondent walked out after only a few days. He left, according to Mr Basham, because "the business is appallingly run and the debt is dangerous". Mr Basham's tactics failed. however, because Mr Hutchins reported the approach to his editor and Mr Branson

and not a line appeared. Mr Basham yesterday dismissed the allegations against him as absolute nonsense. He said that, in handing over Mr Branson's letter and in his conversation with Mr Hutchins, he was merely responding to requests from journalists. He neither confirmed nor denied preparing the "private and confidential" Virgin report. which he described as fair and accurate. "There is no dirty tricks campaign of any kind against Mr Branson."

Tony Cocklin, BA's public affairs manager, said of Mr Basham: "He works for us when we need him, mainly on the City and financial side. But he is out there in the market place all the time and people will talk to him." He said that BA welcomed com-

of gossip and rumour BRITISH Airways has ad-Telling tales about competitors is not mitted using "dirty tricks" in the past to defeat another confined to airlines. Tony Dawe reports on independent airline that chalthe widespread use of such tactics

Tails of the unexpected: the two airlines locked in an acrimonious dispute

Laker was early victim

lenged its supremacy on North Atlantic routes, and to their rivals, so that BOAC has been accused of spreadwas known as Better On A ing damaging rumours about Air Europe long before its Camel and TWA as Try Walking Across. In more collanse last year. fiercely competitive times, the Sir Freddie Laker was the first thorn in BA's side, with gossip has been more aggreshis cut-price Skytrain service sive and widespread. to the United States. BA and

Similar tactics have other international airlines abounded in the City, particularly during recent take-over cut fares to undermine him and used various anti-compebattles. Exploring the personal lives and family backtitive measures to try to force him out of business. BA subgrounds of the key players sequently agreed to pay £10 became common currency for public relations consultants million to the creditors' fund to avoid legal proceedings. advising Lontho and the Al-In 1989, according to for-Fayeds in the fight for control mer senior executives of Air of Harrods, and Guinness

and Argyll in their struggle for Distillers.
It reached its height during Lord Hanson's rumoured attempt to take over ICI last year. When Lord Hanson's tax avoidance schemes and his company's investment in the racehorses of his colleague, Lord White of Hull, featured in national newspapers, he wrote to Sir Tim Bell, his chief public relations adviser, saying that he should have "dispelled all this garbage in advance" and done a better job of "spreading the Hanson gospel in the media". Sir Tim was working for Lord Hanson with Roddy Dewe

and Brian Basham, two other

leading PR consultants. Dick Fedorcio, newly elected president of the Institute of Public Relations, told The Times: "Lord Hanson was expecting his PR to guarantee stories in the media which were beyond his control

What appears in the newspapers is influenced more by the journalist than the PR." The institute deplores some of the recent public relations tactics and has the power to discipline any of its 4,000 members found guilty of "foul play", but since fewer than a third of all practising PR people and press officers belong to the institute, those powers are limited.

☐ About 12,000 public relations men and women are at work in Britain, promoting myriad clients, companies and projects. A nother further 4,000 work in support roles or as information officers.

Many are employed directly by businesses, local and national government and organisations such as charities, while others work for highly paid public relations consultancies or just on their own. The Institute of Public' Relations claims a membership of 4.000 and operates a code of conduct.

Tax cuts threatened by slow growth

By Anatole Kaletsky and Sheila Gunn

SHARP cutback in the Treasury's forecast for economic growth this year could turn out to be a key factor limiting the scope for pre-election tax reductions in the forthcoming budget, Trea-sury ministers were told at their traditional budget plan-ning meeting at Chevening over the weekend.

Despite conflicting reports about the decisions allegedly reached at Chevening, the main conclusion at the meeting was to keep as many options open as possible until the economic, financial and political currency constraints become clearer in the weeks

According to government sources, nothing was either ruled in or ruled out at the meeting, although a tentative preference was expressed for using the available leeway to raise tax thresholds, rather than cut the standard rate of

However, it was agreed that the over-riding priority would be to preserve confi-dence in sterling and that this might prevent Norman La-mont, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, from allowing too much of an overshoot in the public sector borrowing requirement

With the Treasury likely to revise its forecast for GDP growth this year to about 1.5 per cent from the 2.25 per cent predicted in November's autumn statement, the PSBR for 1992-3 is certain to be substantially higher than the autumn statement projection of about £19 billion.

According to the Treasury's economic model a half per cent shortfall in GDP growth could add about £2 billion to the PSBR in a full year. But officials have issued a warning that the financial markets might not take kindly to the prospect of a much higher PSBR and that a giveaway budget could trigger a ster-

Among the detailed tax issues discussed at Chevening was John Major's preoccupation with inheritance tax. Mr Major has told Mr Lamont and other Cabinet colleagues be wants a commitment to phasing out inheritance tax servatives' economic policy in the election manifesto.

Treasury officials are working on the implications for phasing out or cutting the 40 per cent tax paid at present on legacies of more than £140,000. The tax brings in £1.25 billion a year.

No decision was reached at Chevening on whether to start the initiative in this March's budget. But the prime minister is understood to regard the abolition of the tax as marking an important contrast between his personal political philosophy and that of Labour, which wants to increase the tax.

Neil Kinnock accused Mr Lamont last night of preparing a "save our skins" budget for the Tories instead of a "save our country" budget. At a rally in York the Labour leader said that a lp cut in income tax would take away £1.9 billion from health and other vital services and do nothing to start the economic

Girl, 10, found dead in park

A girl aged ten was found dead yesterday in undergrowth at a country park in Swindon, Wiltshire Police believe the body is that of a gid who went missing from her home in Swindon on Saturday (Adam Fresco

Last night detectives were questioning a man, aged 32, from Swindon.

The schoolgirl was last seen at the Crumpled Horn public house in the town wearing a pink shell suit with a pink and white striped sweatshirt. Her disappearance was reported only yesterday.
The area around the Coate

Water country park, where the body was found, was sealed off yesterday as police search of yesterday as pources searched for clues. A post-mortem examination was being carried out last night.

A police spokesman said yesterday: "The cause of death is not yet known but we

are treating it as suspicious and our enquiries are following the line that the report of the missing girl and the discovery of the body are

Bareev seals chess victory

WITH one round left, Ev geny Bareev, the Russian grandmaster, has already secured first prize and £4,000 in the Foreign & Colonial chess tournament at Hastings (Raymond Keene writes).

In Saturday's 13th round, Bareev faced his closest rival, Simen Agdestein, the Nor-wegian grandmaster. Bareev gave him no chances and took an unbeatable 1 2 point lead. Shirov beat Adams. Suetin drew with Speriman. Hodgson lost to Chandler.

£2,000 golf ball

A golf ball with an estimated value of £2,000 to £4,000 comes under the hammer later this week. The previous ly unrecorded type of ball, made around 1850 from gutta-percha, an early form of rubber, was discovered amongst an Edinburgh collection. It is to be sold at the bi-annual golf sale held at Phillips in Chester.

Geoff Brookes, a member of the Quorn hunt committee for 23 years, has resigned in protest at the dismissal of Captain Fred Barker the former hunt master. The decision, he said, was "disloyal" and a sad loss to the Quorn. Rad Thomas, the former spokesman of the hunt, which is facing allega-tions of cruelty to foxes, said yesterday that he was reviewing his position.

Boy returned

Police were questioning a man and a woman last night after a three-year-old boy who went missing from his home at Denham, Buckinghamshire, early yesterday morning was found at a nearby flat. John Smith, who let himself out of his house while his mother, Lynne Smith, was sleeping, was returned home by police. He had been missing for more than eight hours.

Do clever children get educated while the rest get trained?



In this Friday's colour UPDATE, The TES looks at government efforts to raise the status of vocational education and training



THE TIMES EDUCATIONAL SUPPLEMENT

Crufts attracts 55,000

Europe. BA was responsible

for misleading stories that the

independent airline chaired

by Harry Goodman was un-

able to pay its bills and was

about to make staff redun-

dant when it was, in fact, at

the height of its success. In a

memorandum to Richard

Branson, the Air Europe ex-

ecutives drew parallels be-

tween the tactics used against

them and Virgin Atlantic,

and said that several rumours

about Air Europe's finances

were traced to BA. The airline

industry has always been awash with gossip. In the 1950s, some of it was good-natured, with airline staff at-

tributing absurd nicknames

CRUFTS dog show ended yesterday after attracting 55,000 visitors to the 55,000 visitors to the Birmingham National Exhibition Centre for the four days of showing. Two breeds of dog were seen at the show for the first time: Polish Lowland Sheepdogs and the Japanese Shiva Imu.

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Second IRA bomb factory found by police in Belfast

By EDWARD GORMAN, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

second major arms find in as many days when they uncovered an IRA bomb factory yesterday in a house in the west of the city. Two men were being questioned last

Acting on a tip from an informer inside the IRA or on intelligence information : gathered by the security forces, police searched a house at Islandbawn Street, off the Falls Road, and uncovered about 1,500lb of homemade explosive and other

The explosive, a mixture of commercial fertilizer and additives, was discovered in the

parliament

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Northern Ireland's place in

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the party leader, denied re-

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support, other members of

the party confirm that infor-

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While James Molyneaux.

Other items on the party's

Unionists list

post-poll terms

By Our Ireland Correspondent

POLICE in Belfast made a kitchen of the small terraced before we saw it come on the house inside more than 12 plastic sacks. Police also found grinders used to refine the ingredients to the required consistency for

detonation. Police believe the discovery has foiled a planned attack on Belfast city centre early next week. Chief Inspector Billy Lowry said: "Here we have the complete components for a 1,500lb bomb, or four or five smaller bombs which would still have wrought death and destruction in the centre of Belfast. They certainly were in the process of making this up and it would have been early next week

Mr Lowry promised that the operations to "thwart the IRA" would continue. "It's nice to have some success." He refused to say how the find had been made, putting

it down to good police work. The latest discovery follows the finding on Saturday of 80 IRA bombs, including 50 blast incendiary devices, and guns and ammunition at a house in another part of West Belfast. This led to two

The two finds are a setback for the IRA which caused serious damage in the centre of the city early last week with two large van bombs. Since then there have been extra police and army patrols, and checkpoints have been set up to try to prevent further attacks.

However, the provisionals unlimited stocks of weapons and explosives; in time they will replenish their arsenals in Belfast from stores in the border areas and inside the Irish Republic.

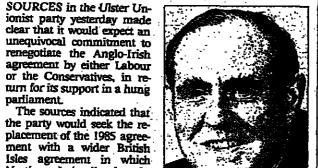
The search and seizure operations to find an unknown number of IRA weapons dumps in Belfast will contin-ue indefinitely. They were stepped up following a crisis summit meeting between Sir Hugh Annesley, chief consta-ble of the RUC, Lieutenant General Sir John Wilsey, and their senior officers last Wednesday night. They met amid growing public concern about their apparent inability to halt the IRA bombing campaign in Belfast. On Sun-

day and Monday last week two huge bombs caused an estimated £7 million damage. Other measures being taken by the security forces involve increased around the

routes into the city centre. Hundreds of part-time sol-diers in the Ulster Defence Regiment remain on full-time duty in Belfast after a call-out three days ago and extra police have been redeployed into the city from other

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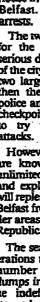
The RUC announced last night that a man is due to appear in Belfast magistrates court today charged in con-nection with the 500lb IRA van bomb which wrecked a large area around Belfast's Three other men have already appeared in court charged with same offence.



sounded integrationist nine MPs, began at the last party conference in the autumn when Douglas Hurd, the foreign sectretary, and Peter Brooke, the Northern Ireland secretary, made unexpectedly integrationist

Caine, formerly head of the the Conservative research department and a committed integrationist, has begun work as Mr Brooke's special adviser. Mr Caine is now spending his time shuttling between Belfast and London and, according to one unionist. "his remit is supposed to be to rebuild relationships

members of the government were continuing and the question of a hung parliathe election may kill off The so-called Conservative charm offensive with the Unionist party, which has next few weeks.



Brooke: his remarks

sounding remarks. More recently Jonathan

Northern Ireland section in with the unionists because the Tories feel they need us".

Last night there were signs

that uncertainty caused by tempts by Mr Brooke to restart inter-party talks in the



Army of toy soldiers expected to fetch £70,000

By JOHN SHAW

AN army of 6,200 toy soldiers, complete with cavalry, ceremonial ele-phants and maharajahs, goes on parade at Phillips auctioneers in London on January 21, when it is expected to fetch up to £70,000. One of three model displays, it is a replica of a spectacular military pageant mounted in Delhi in 1911, when King George V received Indian

The others depict the square, the British fighting formation employed on such fields as Waterloo, and, by way of contrast. Prince Charles's wedding at St Paul's Cathedral in

1981. Like many similar collections, it began on the nursery floor. George Palmer, aged 72, a retired Lloyd's underwriter who now lives on the Isle of Wight, said: "When I was a small boy long before the war my parents bought me some lead soldiers. When I grew up they kindly preserved the collection. I went abroad as a proper

soldier then, and they put them in store. When my sons were the right age I got them out and we started collecting as a family, so it goes back a long way. It's a wrench to part with it all, but it's a question of space as much as anything else," said Mr Palmer, who spent almost 20 years putting the collection together.

Man sought over killing of lawyer

By LOUISE HIDALGO

THE parents of Margery Hopegood, the English law-yer who was found stabled to death in a public lavatory in northern New Zealand, received personal assurances from the Wellington government yesterday that every-thing would be done to find

The family attended a special service for Miss Hopegood, their adopted daughter, at their parish church in Earls Coine, Essex, yesterday. Her body was discovered on Friday, face down in a lavatory cubicle in Hamilton. She had been stabbed in the face and shoulders.

A man was reported to have been seen talking to her shortly before her death, and later washing himself in the river. Police said that nothing had been stolen from her handbag, found near the body. and there were no signs of sexual assault.

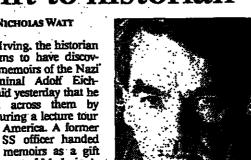
Nazi papers were gift to historian

By Nicholas Watt

DAVID Irving, the historian who claims to have discovered the memoirs of the Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann, said yesterday that he stumbled across them by chance during a lecture tour of South America. A former Flemish SS officer handed him the memoirs as a gift after he learnt of Mr Irving's visit from an Argentinian

Mr Irving, who denies the existence of the Nazi gas chambers, said: "Jewish groups, who objected to my presence, denounced me in La Nación as an international agitator. At my next meeting in Buenos Aires an elderly gentleman approached me with two brown paper bags

containing the memoirs.
"I followed all the correct historical procedures and made him sign an authenrification statement. After Eichmann was kidnapped in 1960 in Buenos Aires his



Irving: stumbled on memoirs during tour family placed the memoirs in

secure hands. That person

handed them to my contact."

The most interesting part of the memoirs, Mr Irving said, were these chilling words from late 1941. "Heydrich (Eichmann's superiori said to me: 'I have come from the Reichsführer [Himmler]. Now the Führer has ordered the physical destruction of the Jews'." Mr Irving said: "That shows that Eichmann believed there was an order from Hitler, though it still does not prove there was

one." Eichmann's family did not want Mr Irving to see the memoirs because Eichmann admits total guilt for sending Jews to their death. In the light of this Mr Irving said his view that Hitler did not give the order will be "open to assessment". Mr Irving says that the memoirs are "very disorganised." He is using them, however, to write a biography of Eichmann. "I see him as a desiccated bureaucrat. He was an efficient transport officer rather

Martin Gilbert, author of The Holocaust: the Jewish Tragedy, said yesterday: "For many years Mr Irving has denied these facts about the holocaust and now he makes a virtue of finding them."

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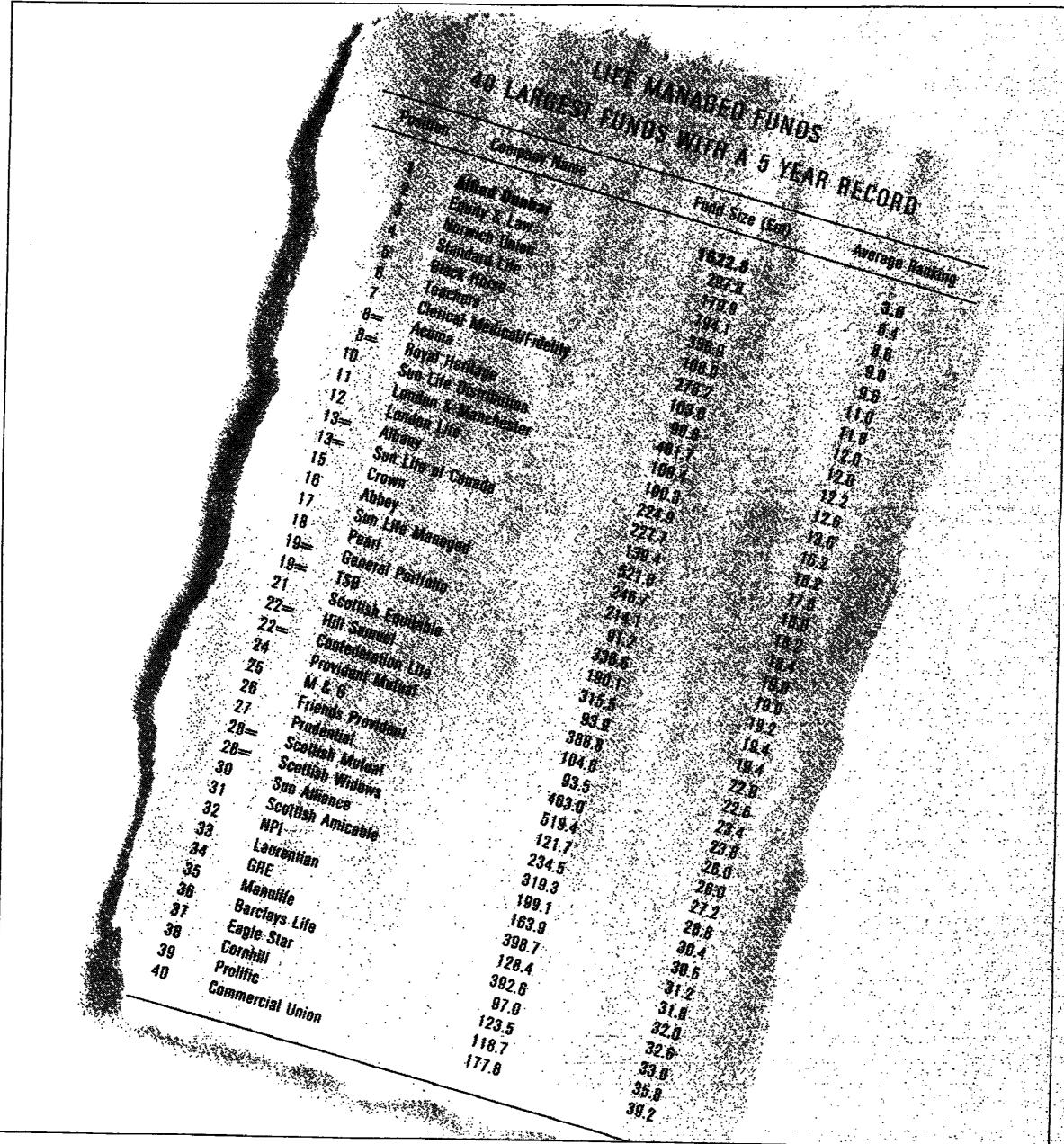
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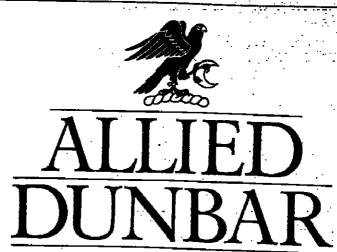
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Experts call for 20mph urban limit

By Kevin Eason, motoring correspondent

CUTTING urban speed limits could save as many as four lives a day, according to traffic experts urging the government to introduce measures to slow traffic on busy roads.

The government is facing demands for limits on urban roads to be cut from 30mph to 20mph as part of a strategy to reduce Britain's annual toll of 5,000 road deaths.

The Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety will today call for legislation to reduce speed limits. The demand is supported by traffic experts whose studies highlight simple measures. such as road humps and redesigned junctions, that can slow traffic and lead to a big

drop in accidents.
Tim Pharaoh, a lecturer at South Bank Polytechnic, London, who has been involved in pilot schemes for Devon county council, claims that Britain's average of 13 deaths a day could be cut by four by widespread use of

traffic "calming" measures. Forty of the 130 people seriously injured daily could es-cape unharmed if speeds were sharply reduced. Tests show that pedestrians injuries rise substantially as speed increases. At 20mph, the chance of survival is high. At 30mph half of pedestrians hit by a car are killed, and at

40mph most are killed. Speed cuts would not delay drivers. Mr Pharaoh said, because journeys would take less time, with average speeds higher and traffic moving more smoothly.

Mr Pharaoh's theory has been tested in Burnthouse. Lane, Exeter, Devon, where the number of accidents has subsequently fallen. The quarter-mile street, which has shops, churches, a village hail and two schools, is almost straight and many drivers broke the 30mph limit, some reaching speeds of 55mph Pedestrians, emerging from

between parked vehicles. were hit by speeding cars and cyclists were also at risk.

The county council spent £220,000 installing speed humps in the street, at its functions and in side roads. The 40ft-wide road was narrowed to about 18ft and parking bays were provided. reducing the distance that pedestrians had to cross.

Two cycle tracks, marked by a distinctive red surface, were provided and junctions were offset, forcing drivers to slow down and to concentrate on the crossroads ahead.

Edward Chorhon, county engineer, said that the scheme led to accidents declining from nine a year to four. Among children aged under 11, accidents had fallen from three to none. He added: "Accidents that did occur were less serious because we have been able to produce a very large decrease in traific speeds." Top speeds are down to between 29mph and 33mph, and to 14mph at each road hump. Malcolm Rifkind, the

transport secretary, has given councils wider powers to introduce traffic-calming measures, increasing grams for safety schemes by 38 per cent to £42 million for 1992-93. He said that local schemes had the potential to save 170 lives and prevent 2,200 serious injuries a year.

Mr Pharaoh estimates that national strategy of building work, including road humps, chicanes, narrowing roads and landscaping. would cost £600 million a year for 10 years. That would be equivalent to 40 per cent of the projected national trunk road budget. However, he said that such traffic calming could reduce the cost of deaths, bereavement, suffering, injury and damage, valued at £2 billion a year.



Exotic encounter: Kate Ashbrook, general secretary of the Open Spaces Society, Britain's oldest conservation group, comes face to

face with a beast more at home in the Andes than in the Chilterns (Michael McCarthy writes). Ms Ashbrook, Britain's premier cam-

paigner for countryside rights of way, came across the llama vesterday while investigating claims that a public footpath had been

improperly diverted near Henley. Buckinghamshire. She has at least found no obstacle to her in-

clusion in this year's Who's Who.

Gene therapy to go ahead

By NICK NUTTALL TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

NEW treatments for inherited diseases such as cancer and cystic fibrosis will be approved by the government

The decision to sanction socalled somatic gene therapy, a technique which replaces defective or missing genes, has been made by the health department's committee on the ethics of gene therapy.

The committee, chaired by

Sir Cecil Clothier, former chairman of the police complaints authority, is under-stood to have decided that gene therapy, the mapping and and manipulation o man's genetic codes, is ethically no different from ad-

ministering drugs or carrying out an organ transplant. The approval, to be announced on Thursday, could

bring the possibility of treating about 4,000 inherited diseases. Gene therapy might also lead to new treatments for some of the most common causes of illness and death including heart disease. The Medical Research

Council is planning several gene therapy experiments. Teams, including one at St Mary's hospital, west London, working on cystic fibrosis, are ready to start. In America results have been extremely encouraging. Amy Harper aged four, of

Cleveland, Ohio, is the first person to have gene therapy. She suffers from a rare inherited immune-deficiency disease that made her so susceptible to passing infections that she could not leave her home.

A copy of the gene missing from her body, which controls production of a diseasefighting enzyme, was put into around one billion of her white blood cells.

The white blood cells were then put back in her bloodstream and have begun producing significant amounts of the important enzyme. Army now goes skating and dancing and attends nursery

Fawlty hotel fails to curry favour

AN undercover hotel inspector found himself at the centre of a Fawlty Towersstyle farce when he ordered dinner at a country hotel and then found that staff had ordered an Indian takeaway. Olaf White had visited the

14-bed hotel in the north of England incognito to test its services for inclusion in Signpost, the British hotel guide, when staff recommended that he try one of their "special" curries for dinner.

But as he was walking into the dining room he bumped into one of the waiters racing in with his curry — in a tin foil container from a local Indian

takeaway. Christopher Carney-Smith, publisher of Signpost, said: "We were considering including the hotel, which will remain nameless, in our guide for the first time. Olaf checked up and found that the kitchen was closed and there was no one available to cook the dinner so they had sent out for a takeaway. The curry was

Signpost has been published annually since 1935 and has up to 325 entries from the Ritz to tiny country

quite tasty, and I suppose the

hotel has to get marks for

Priest gives warning on **Opus Dei** founder

BY RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE greatest challenge yet to what could be the most contentious canonisation this century has been launched by leading members of the Roman Catholic church in this country and abroad.

Vladimir Felzmann, a se nior priest in the Westminster diocese in London, has given a warning of a scandal and divisions in the church if plans to beatify the founder of Opus Dei, a cult-like international group inside the Roman Catholic Church, are

followed by his canonisation. Father Felzmann, Cardinal Basil Hume's director of pilgrimages and chaplain to young people, has criticised the speed and timing of the beatification, which is the second step on the road to sainthood. He has accused the founder of Opus Dei of defending Hiller and given an account of his "pro-Hitler

and Germany views Josemaria Escriva de Balaguer, who was born in 1902, founded Opus Dei in 1928 and died in 1975, was declared venerable by the Pope in 1990. This is the first step to sainthood, and he is to be beatified, or declared "blessed", on May 17. Critics say the process could lead to the fastest canonisation in

recent history.

Criticisms of the beatification have been aired in the influential Catholic journal The Tablet. According to today's Newsweek magazine. several former members were refused a hearing at church tribunals called to investigate the founder's life.

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Father Felzmann, a member of Opus Dei for 22 years, left the organisation in 1982. A spokesman for Opus Dei said Father Felzmann's auquaintance with Mgr Escrivá had been "relatively superficial" and that his statements about support for Hitler were "completely false, as well as quite outrageous".

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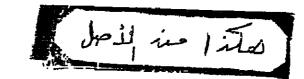
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Pollution watchdog hits firms harder

COMPANIES causing environmental damage are much more likely to be prosecuted in future by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Pollution, an internal inspectorate document seen by The Times dis-

Prosecution is being forcefully recommended as a policy option in the document, a 2-page set of guidelines which has been sent by David Slater, the inspectorate's director, to all his 143 inspectors in England and Wales.

That marks a formal break with the tradition of the inspeciorate's predecessor before 1987, the industrial Air Pollution Inspectorate, which rarely took errant companies to court, preferring to work by consultation and persuasion. Some of the older HMIP inspectors still feel that prosecuting a company represents a failure of their work.

Dr Siater, who took over the inspectorate of pollution last May, has other ideas, and his guidelines set out the benefits of prosecution in straightforward language. These are: publicly embar-rassing a polluting firm into remedying its ways; inflicting a financial penalty on it for the harm it has done; as a means of publicly demon-strating the inspectorate's

policy and animide, and as a ten means of reflecting public

that in any case which is felt serious enough, inspectors should apply for trial in the crown court, where penalties are higher, rather than before magistrates. If the trial is in a magistrates' court, the document says, the bench - "who may not be aware" - should be reminded that the 1990 Environment Protection Act allows them to impose fines of up to £20,000 for pollution

Dr Slater is already practising what he preaches. In the first tour years of the inspectorate's life there were only



Slater: his guidelines

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Lilley to aid pubs hit by shake-up

THE cabinet minister responsible for implementing the government's controversial shake-up of the public house trade has agreed to take up the cases of 30 publicans in his own constituency who feel that they are victims

of the changes. Under rules in the Beer Orders, introduced after the Monopolies and Mergers Commission report on brewing, the trade and industry department has told brewers to limit the tied houses they own to 2,000. Big brewers have had to dispose of many public houses to sitting ten-ants, smaller brewers and companies that run pub chains but have no brewing

However, there is growing concern among ministers that some brewers are using the legislation, and a requirement to bring pub tenancies under the Tenant and Landlord Act, as an excuse to force existing tenants to take on prices and with unfair con-

Peter Lilley, the trade and industry secretary, has been asked by licensees in his St Albans constituency to take up their cases and is understood to be angry at the way some brewers are interpret-

Mr Lilley has already won a victory by pressing the big brewers to accept binding independent arbitration in a dispute with the National Licensed Victuallers Association (NLVA) over rent increases and notices to quit served on pub tenants. He has also rejected calls from some brewers to extend the deadline by which they must

nies for pollution offences; in the eight months since he took over there have already The document emphasises been five, and nine more cases are in the pipeline. One of his first official acts was to sanction the prosecution of the Atomic Energy Authority for the unauthorised discharge of radioactive tritium gas from scrapped luminous

watch dials: the authority was fined £3,000. Ten days ago, the owners of a stone quarry in the Corswolds were fined £100 with £2,100 costs for operating without a registration certificate. After that case Dr Slater

said: "A serious view is taken of industrialists who knowingly operate potentially polluting plants without complying with the poliution control legislation. The inspectorate is committed to ensuring a safe and clean environment and legislation will be rigorously enforced." Dr Slater, aged 51, a pro-

essional chemist and chartered engineer, was chosen from outside the civil service to head the inspectorate by Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary. His tough approach is in part a reflection of the new pollution regime brought in by the 1990 Environment Protection Act, which will mean strict new licences for the 5,000 most poliuting plants, such as oil refineries, tanneries, steel plants and chemical works, to be phased in over the next four years. Inspectorate sources say that companies who fail to apply for their new licences are likely to be ready

targets for prosecution.

Dr Slater gave a warning to British industry of the rigorous regime he intended to run in an interview with The Times after taking up his position. Last May he said: We are conscious of practicalities, and we can be flexible, but at the end of the day the name of the game is

Osborne's anger is obscured by smoke

By JOE JOSEPH

WELL, that's one less thing for John Osborne to rail against. In an uncharacteristically mild letter to The Times today, in which he mostly confines his spleen to a "God not the powers of Brussels and Westminster - and to hell with Burgundy", the playright says he is not alone in furning against EC bureaucrats who would rob him of untipped, robust and fragrant Turkish smokes, "one of life's few and reliable pleasures".

Mr Osborne, who likes to get mad about three new things before breakfast and preferably to get even by lunch-time, aired his outrage over this new European "diktat" in a volcanic letter to The Times on December 26.

What seemed to anger him particularly was that this ban on his favourite cigarettes was imposed by a bunch of "newly-sprung nation states", like Germany, Italy, France, Spain and Portugal which have been administered by regimes that were Nazi, fascist, communist, crypto-fascist for several decades lifetime...these successful

and happily empowered heirs of Hitler, Mussolini, Himmler, Franco, Honecker, Salazar, Pétain, Laval and the Greek colonels are to be enjoined to deprive me of the liberty and choice, even in the matter of what cigarettes I may be allowed to smoke." He seems to have found

some comfort, he now writes. in the piles of sympathetic letters he has received from around the world in response to his battle cry. Also on the doormat were parcels of the soon-to-be-outlawed Turkish cigarettes from well-wishers. and promises of more. He says he probably now has enough to see him out of this world. If heaven is a No Smoking Zone, watch out.

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Forbidden pleasure: Osborne with fresh supplies of his favourite cigarettes

Legal system goes on trial

on how some brewers are HOW well do judges and lawyers do their job in court? Should they wear wigs and gowns? And should the de-fendant's criminal record be using the rules to change the character of traditional pubs by putting them under the control of subsidiary leisure made known to the jury? The performance of judges, barman of the St Albans Liristers and solicitors will be under formal scrutiny for the ation, said: "I don't think Mr first time this week when ju-Lilley realised that so many rors in crown court trials throughout England and issued to pub tenants. The Wales are asked these and notices to quit expire in July. other questions about the so that tenants will not, by tice system.

Jurors will have to rate how

whether his or her own sum-

ming up was pointed to

wards acquittal, conviction

The survey, conducted for the Royal Commission on

Criminal Justice, is part of

the biggest study of the

crown court in action. It be-

gins with a one-week pilot

London, Kingston upon

project in Snaresbrook, east

or neither.

the Landlord and Tenant Act. The only alternative for many the judge and barristers did are long leases at high rents. their jobs - "very well, fairly The Office of Fair Trading well, not very well or not at all has also voiced concern that well" — in terms of knowing brewers, especially Grand the facts, putting the case Metropolitan, are still using across and dealing with their the Beer Orders as a reason opponents' points. The judge for changing tenancy will be asked to give an opinion on the jury's verdict and

The NLVA's operations executive, Neville Marshall. said: "The brewers are using every excuse in the book to introduce these leases. There is no reason flowing from the Beer Orders why leases have to be introduced at all."

A spokesman for Grand Metropolitan said that the company was satisfied that its position was correct.

A study of crown courts will ask jurors and defendants to rate the performances of judges and lawyers. Frances Gibb reports

Thames and Reading crown courts. That will be followed by a full study covering all 90 crown court centres in England and Wales for two weeks in February.

Professor Michael Zander, who devised the study, said: ambitious project of its kind. either here or probably anywhere in the world." Defen-



Runciman: survey vital to commission's work

dants will be asked how often their first meeting with their barristers is on the morning of trial, and how often barris-ters return their brief at the last moment. They will be asked about plea-bargaining and whether the discount undue pressure to plead guilty. The survey will also ask if they have any complaints about treatment by

the police.

The survey, which has the full backing of the Lord Chancellor and Lord Chief Justice, includes nine different questionnaires, to go also to the police and court clerks. as well as to lawyers. Lord Runciman of Dox-

ford, chairman of the royal commission, said: "We regard the study as very important for our work. We urge all concerned to fill out the questionnaires. The results will be significant in providing a solid factual base for many of the topics within our terms of reference."

Black pupils beat whites in tests

By DAVID TYTLER, EDUCATION EDITOR

BLACK pupils, traditionally seen as under-achievers compared with their white classmates, scored higher grades than white pupils in the mathematics and science test sat by seven-year-olds last summer, according to research commissioned by the overnment's

advisers. In mathematics, 10 per cent of Afro-Caribbean sevenvear-olds attained level three in the national curriculum mathematics tests compared with 6 per cent of white pupils. Nineteen per cent achieved level three in science, against 18 per cent of

white children. Black pupils' results in English, however, were disappointing, say the researchers from Leeds University who examined the results of 2,400 children in 16 education authorities. The survey has yet to be considered by the School Examinations and Assessment Council, which commissioned it. Diane

Shorrocks, project director, said the survey also showed that fewer pupils from ethnic minorities gained the top grade in English. There was

also a disproportionately high number in the lowest levels of English and mathematics. Ms Shorrocks said the most likely explanation for the discrepancy was that English was not spoken in many of the children's homes.

☐ A £10.000 pupils' "clocking on" scheme has saved £20,000 in teacher time and improved attendances, according to David Caswell, headmaster of St George's Roman Catholic School for boys. Swaythling, Southampton. Six hundred pupils use electronic cards to clock on

for lessons. The system, introduced last September, has replaced registers. Parents are contacted when the computer shows that a pupil is absent without permission. Letters, page 15

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Fire kills brothers aged two and four

Two brothers died in a fire at their home in Uttoxeter, Staffordshire, yesterday. Thomas Cunningham, aged four, and Gary, aged two, were carried from the burning house by firemen but were dead on arrival at hospital.

Their mother Sharon, aged 25, and baby Lucy, were rescued by Melvyn Mycock. aged 32, a neighbour who saw smoke coming from the house. He said: "I ran to the back door and tried to kick it down but couldn't so I velled at the bedroom window to wake up Sharon. She passed the baby onto the bathroom

Police say that the cause of the fire is uncertain but foul play has been ruled out. The children's father. Carl, was at

Search for murder knife

Council workmen were helping police to search drains for a hunting knife used to stab to death Richard Lyddon, a male nurse aged 36, in a toilet at Reading railway station on Friday night.

Police were also conducting house-to-house enquiries in a search for witnesses to the unprovoked attack on Mr Lyddon, who was returning nome to Taunton, Somerset, after a successful iob interview at Upton Park Hospital in Slough, Berkshire.

Dame dies

Dame Anne Godwin, chairman of the TUC from 1961-2, has died aged 94. Dame Anne, of Worcester Park, Surrey, was general secretary of the Clerical and Administrative Workers' Union from 1956-62, and served as a BBC governor from 1962-8.

Child robbers

A woman aged 90 from Newcastle upon Tyne is in hospital suffering from shock after leaving her door open for a meals on wheels delivery and being pushed to the floor and robbed of £37 by two children, one aged seven.

Film encore

Nellie Templeman, aged 76, a silent film pianist, came out of retirement to accompany a three-hour screening of D.W. Griffith's classic 1915 film The Birth of a Nation at the Regent Cinema in Lyme Regis, Dorset.

Animal magic

Pets including dogs, cats. hamsters and birds are being allowed in wards at the George Eliot Hospital at Nuneaton. Warwickshire, to cheer up their sick owners.

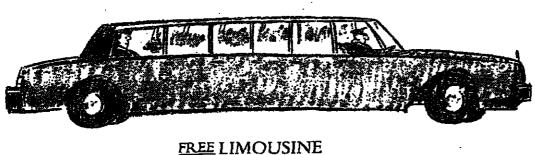
Brief history

The Horsforth Museum, in Leeds, West Yorkshire, is appealing for donations for an exhibition of underwear through the ages, which it plans to mount in March.

Bond winners

This week's Premium Bond win-957653, from Wirral (£735 holding): £50,000, 388 240895, Hampshire (£106): £25,000, 9DL 884092, Edinburgh (£2,000).

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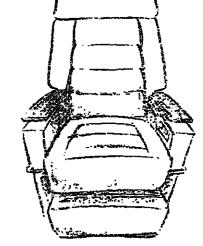
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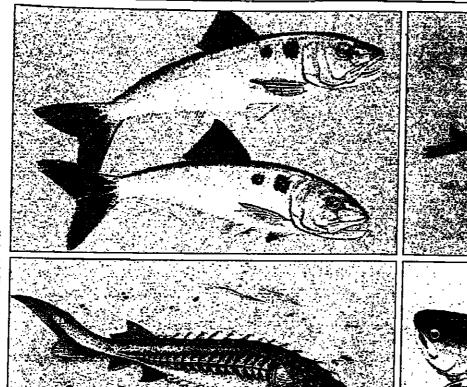
Lifeline Wanted to save rare fish

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

ALMOST a quarter of the native freshwater fish species in Britain are extinct. close to extinction or seri-ously endangered, according to a new report. Their plight is blamed mainly on overfishing, air and water pollution and the growing number of dams and weirs blocking the passage of fish that run up rivers to spawn.

Urgent action is needed to protect fish habitats in rivers, lakes and estuaries and to establish new populations of rare species, according to Peter Maitland, a freshwater biologist, who has made a five-year study of native fish stocks for the Nature Conservancy Council (NCC), the government's chief wildlife advisory agency.

Britain is, or has been, home to 42 native species of freshwater fish. Of these, Mr Maitland says, 10 require special conservation measures if they are to survive in, or be restored to, British waters: the burbot, the houting.



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Under threat: the allis shad (Solway Firth) and burbot (eastern England), top, and the sturgeon (estuaries) and arctic charr (Lake District)

the vendace, the allis shad, the twaite shad, the powan. the pollan, the smelt, the arctic charr and the common sturgeon. No burbot have been seen for years; the sturgeon is rare; the allis shad has no known breeding ar-

eas and the smelt and arctic charr, though more common, are in decline.

The most immediate priorities. Mr Maitland believes, are to safeguard rare and localised species by creating new populations, and to protect and clean up habitats such as estuaries. English Nature, the newly formed England section of the NCC. is sympathetic to the idea. The vendace is likely to become the first fish to

join the list of rare plants.

insects and other creatures covered by the species recovery programme launched last spring with a £100,000 budget that is due to be doubled from next April. Only four fish - the bur-

makes it an offence to catch or handle them intentionally. Legal protection came too late (the burbot was already vendace, powan and extinct) to be of much use.

allis shad - are on Schedule

V of the 1981 Wildlife and

Countryside Act, which

First appearance for Georgia Jagger

Rolling Stone Mick Jagger become a father for the fifth time yesterday when his Texan wife Jerry Hall gave birth an whe lerry Han gave birth
to a daughter, Georgia May
Ayeesha, in a London hospital. Their other children are,
Elizabeth, aged 7, and James,
aged 6. Jagger also has
daughters, Jade, from his first wife Bianca Jagger, and Karis, by Marsha Hunt

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Freed hostage Tom Suther-land made an emotional return to his family kirk, at Skinflats near Falkirk, yesterday and thanked the congregation for their prayers. On Saturday he was welcomed by 40,000 fans when he watched Glasgow Rangers' beat Hibs at Ibrox where he once played in the reserves.

David Lange , the former New Zealand prime minister, married for the second time during a holiday in Scotland. according to a newspaper. His bride was Margaret Pope, his speech writer.

Richard Dreyfuss, aged 44, backed out of the opportunity of a lifetime — playing Bacwine cup in a pre-Mardi Gras parade — when he landed a part in a Broadway play. Death and the Maider

pelli ?

Nichelle Nichols, Lieutenant Uhura of Star Trek got her star installed on the Hollywood Walk of Fame and gave credit to Martin Luther King Jr. for persuading her to keep the job. Miss Nichols, aged 55, said King told her: "You have the first non-stereotypi-

cal job in television."



Kate O'Mara, aged 52, star of Howards Way, has been named in a divorce petition against a husband 19 years her junior. Mrs June Willis, mother of two, alleges that her actor husband Richard chus enthroned on a giant Ms O'Mara.

Workers wary at taking their offices home

By NICK NUTTALL TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

THE predicted explosion in teleworking, or telecommuting, in which employees use the telephone and computers to work from home, has been significantly over-estimated. according to a new study.

By 1995, the number of people working from home will rise by about 5 per cent to about 1.3 million, a report by the OTR Group, of London, says. "This is considerably below the 30 per cent annual growth rates predicted by

some observers," it says. The report argues that few

No call for love or money

London: Love and money are the biggest taboo sub-jects for British telephone users, a survey commissioned by British Telecom has revealed. Usually confident British callers come to a halt when conversation swings to matters of the heart or of the wallet. Most unwanted calls,

apart from the bank manager (17 per cent), were when the boss rings us at home (14 per cent) or an ex-partner calls (10 per

Good read

Dhaka: Dhaka's seventh English-language daily made its appearance yesterday bringing the number of newspapers pub-lished each day in the Bangladeshi capital to 54. There are 253 weeklies.

Class triads

Hong Kong: Police have charged seven teenagers, who claimed links to triad societies, for extorting 45p a week each from classmates.(AFP)

Army scandal Tokyo: Michio Watanabe,

the foreign minister, has acknowledged the Japanese military's role in forcing women to serve soldiers as prostitutes during World War II. There were 200,000 "comfort women" serving Japanese troops. (AFP)

Gay fugitive

Toronto: An Argentine homosexual who feared persecution because of his sexual orientation has been given asylum. (AFP) Phlegmatic

New Orleans: Bill Travers hopes to auction his collection of spittoons for £55,000 in order to make way for his new hobby collecting steam train whistles. (AP)

Fans revenge Lancaster: Peter Marshall, an author who called Elvis Presley a sham, was beaten up in a shopping centre by the star's fans after a book people have the qualities, which include self-discipline and organisational skills, to be successful telecommuters.

Furthermore, disadvantages of teleworking so far outweigh advantages that it is unattractive to large sections of the population, the report says. Surveys show that few people relish the idea of working at home, deprived of the social interaction of the office.

In addition, people working at home can feel neglected, suffer falling self-esteem and miss out on potential career moves, the report says. Middle managers remain highly conservative in attiand, particularily larger companies, worry that staff outside the office are too

The forces driving companies to adopt telecommut-ing are also "suprisingly weak", the report says.

difficult to supervise.

Arguments for teleworking include cutting the cost of office space, reducing recruitment costs by keeping staff, such as women who have a baby, and environmental gains from, for example, fewer people driving to work. Drawbacks include the cost of necessary technology and greater management effort.

The report suggests that only certain jobs, such as word-processing, insurance broking, telesales, writing and accountancy, are really suitable for teleworking.

Pregnancy tax angers **Australians**

FROM ROBERT COCKBURN IN SYDNEY ILL-conceived is hardly the

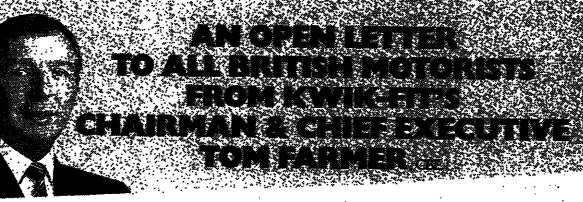
word. A government anti-recession scheme to tax Australian women during preg-nancy was delivered to howls of protest from women's group and church leaders at the weekend.

Even in this land of chauvinists - where an attempt at enlightenment last week saw a men's magazine splashing a pregnant woman naked under the headline "Banged up and beautiful" — the new tax proposal was widely disbelieved.

Nonetheless, it is under consideration this week by the government of the new Labor prime minister, Paul Keating — himself a devoted father of four. Mr Keating is facing claims that his government is reinforcing just about every myth about Australian men and their overbearing influence on women.

Outraged womens groups. church leaders and many Labor politicians have condemned the proposal drawn up for Mr Keating's deputy prime minister, Brian Howe.

Anglican bishop Bruce Wilson said the tax was "an attack on women". "Australia has a very low birth rate as it is. To raise funds by discriminating against pregnant women is unjust," he said.





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Delhi gambles on early Punjab poll

By Christopher Thomas in Delhi and Our Foreign Staff

DELI-II has authorised early parliamentary and state assembly elections in Punjab in a gamble to end the 12-year secessionist war there that last year alone cost 6.000

The move will test the gov-ernment's belief that terrorists lighting for an independent Punjab are on the run and have lost what little popular support they ever enjoyed. The army has been deployed in strength to try to prevent a

The government has promised the poll will be held by the middle of next month, but police chiefs in the state have asked for a delay to allow them more time to round up

known militants. The Indian government is determined to end years of direct rule over a state that has the reputation of being one of the most violent places in the world. Despite the war. Punjab remains the breadbasket of India and one of its most economically powerful

Terrorist groups oppose the elections on the grounds that they will legitimise Punjab as part of India. The government abandoned attempts to

include Punjab in the general election last June because of increased violence in which more than 30 state assembly candidates were shot dead. Polls were again postponed last September. This time the government appears determined to go ahead. Two of the three largest

factions of the Akalis, the traditional Sikh party, have announced a boycott of the election and the third is likely to do likewise. There are seven factions in all. Other militant organisations, despite opposing the elections, will put forward their own candidates under independent labels. Voters will undoubtedly face death threats if they support anyone else.

Punjab is 57 per cent Sikh and 43 per cent Hindu. The Akalis traditionally capture the Sikh vote and the Congress (i) has always taken the bulk of the Hindu vote. This time it will face competition from the Bharativa Janata Party, the Hindu nationalist

organisation. The planned elections come at a time when terrorist organisations have taken a severe beating in Punjab, al-though they continue to wield

substantial power. The government recently brought back K.P.S. Gill, a hardline police chief, to fight the militants. He was accused of brutality during his last tenure. At the same time the army is handing out food and medicines in a "hearts and minds" campaign to try to win over the population.

The poll will lose much of its meaning if none of the main Akali groups take part. The seven factions have all been warned by terrorist organisations that anybody standing for election faces assassination. S.B. Chavan, the home minister, has announced that the army will remain in the state in strength for some time after The Press Trust of India

an security forces had killed Maniit Singh, a leading Sikh militant who has been sought for more than 100 killings related to the Sikh separatist drive in Punjab. Manjit Singh carried the designation of "lieutenant-general" in the Bhindranwale Tigers Force of Khalistan, one of several groups lighting for a Sikh

reported yesterday that Indi-



Cold comfort: a group of 15 men, aged 14 to 85, praying and cradling blocks of ice during the 37th annual ice-bathing event at a Tokyo shrine yesterday. The ceremony is believed to bring long life and good health

Cuban court sentences armed exiles to death

FROM REUTER

A CUBAN court, meting out 'revolutionary justice", has sentenced three Cuban exiles from the United States to death by firing squad for planning terrorist attacks on the communist-ruled island.

The provincial court on Saturday sentenced Eduardo Diaz Betancourt, aged 38, Daniel Candelario Santovenia, aged 36, and Pedro de la Caridad Alvárez Pedroso. aged 26. all from Miami, Florida, after finding them guilty on charges of terrorism, sabotage and enemy pro-

were captured with arms and explosives on December 29, shortly after landing on Cuba's northern coast. They have the right of appeal to the ruling council of state, headed by President Castro.

In a statement announcing their capture, the interior

ministry said last week that the men had planned attacks on Cuba. On Friday, Washington denied Cuban allegations of involvement in the three-man sabotage mission. A spokesman said the three were not American citizens but may have been legal residents in the United States.

Minister

assesses

UN work

FROM JAMES PRINGLE

IN SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA LORD Caithness, the minis-

ter of state at the Foreign

Office who signed the United Nations-brokered Paris accords on Cambodia for Brit-

ain on October 23, visited the

war-ravaged eastern sector of

the country yesterday to as-

sess international efforts to bring lasting peace.
Crossing the flyblown border with Vietnam at Bavet, in

the shadow of the Black Vir-

gin mountain, he drove

across a landscape depopu-lated after some of the worst

massacres of Khmer Rouge

rule in 1975-8. A heavy sec-

urity escort was provided by

the Phnom Penh govern-

ment, one of the four parties

to the peace accord, although

Khmer Rouge activity in east-ern Cambodia is now mini-mal. The 145-mile journey took six hours.

From Phnom Penh. a

white-painted, French-

crewed aircraft of the UN

Advance Mission in Cambo-dia flew him to Battambang.

western Cambodia, where

Christian Outreach, a British

aid agency, is helping to pre-

pare for the repatriation of 350,000 Cambodian refu-

gees along the Thai-Cambodian border. The operation is

fraught with danger as the region is laced with hundreds

An estimated 300 Cambodians lose limbs to mines every month. In Battambang, Lord Caithness visited a Red

Cross centre where artificial

The first British minister to

visit Cambodia since 1970. Lord Caithness paid a brief visit to the temple of Angkor. He is due to meet Prince

Norodom Sinanouk today.

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of thousands of landmines.

Chinest promote condoms

Peking: China, home of world's largest organistic birth control campaign. seeking to make more people use the condom and taking them off the pill In an article entitled "He-

comes the condom", the offi cial China Daily said yester day that the governmen: which is the main supplier of contraceptives, will order 961 million condoms in 1992, 11 per cent more than last year.

Liu Chun Mei, the director of the contraceptive division at the family planning com-mission, said China's birth control industry would have to obey the laws of market economics. She said: "The industry will have to renovate

Workers at one cotton spinning mill in Peking were upcause they were only issued ten condoms per month, the paper said. The state will buy only 40 million birth control pills, a decline of 53.5 per cent from 1991, and orders for diaphragms and

spermicidal creams will drop. China, the world's most populous nation with 1.1 billion people, vigorously pro-motes a one-child-per-family

The China Daily reported that, until now, Chinese women have mainly used tubal ligation and intra-uterine devices for contraception while men preferred vasec-tomy. (Reuter)

'Coup' charges

Nairobi: Josephat Karanja, the former Kenyan vice-president, and Matu Wamae, a former MP, have been charged with spreading unfounded, malicious rumours of a military coup. Kenya radio reported. (Reuter)

Ferry deaths

Shimonoseki: Five people died in hospital and four bodies were recovered from the sea after a ferry capsized in rough seas off southwestern Japan. The ferry, designed to carry 24 people. had at least 32 on board. (AP)

Chile to pay up

Washington: Chile is to pay £1.4 million compensation to the families of Orlando Letelier, the former Chilean envoy. and an aide, killed in a 1976 car bombing here by agents of General Augusto Pir. chet's military junta. (AFP)

Ban on guns

Manila: The Philippines imposed a five-month gun ban to try to avert bloodshed during the run-up to the general election on May 11. Politicians also have been barred from keeping private armies. (Reuter)

Rwanda protest

Nairobi: An opposition protest against the government brought Butare, Rwanda's second city, to a standstill, according to Rwanda radio, monitored here. The peaceful protest called for a national conference. (Reuter)

Police cave in

Harare: Zimbabwean police returned passports of a Brit-ish-South African potholing team, arrested as unlawful miners while attempting a re-cord descent below the Chimanimani mountains. Police had not heard of potholing.

Simon songs fail to attract blacks

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

BLACK radical groups who have vowed to disrupt the South African tour of Paul Simon, the American singer-composer, claimed victory after a meagre, virtually all-white audience turned up for the opening concert. Only about 40,000 people, fewer than 1,000 of them black, attended Saturday night's performance, which organisers had said would draw more than 70,000.

Because of threats of violence by the Azanian Youth Organisation, until last week the virtually unknown youth wing of the almost equally obscure Azanian People's Organisation, police ordered that attendance at the Ellis Park rugby stadium in central Johannesburg, built to accommodate more than 70,000 spectators, should be cut.

The audience gave Simon a tumultuous welcome when he appeared on the vast specially built stage. He dedicated the first of the five concerts he is to give in South Africa to Headman Sabalala, a member of the Black Mambaz group, who

last month.

Harvey Goldsmith, the London-based international pop-concert promoter, said angrily that, far from being an event marking the end of the cultural boycon of South Africa, Simon's

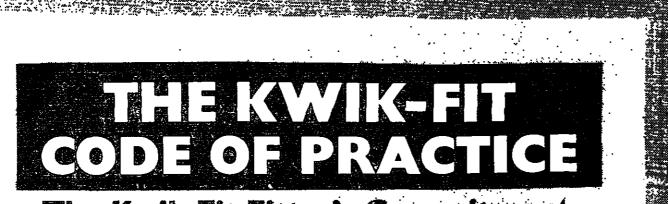
was murdered near Durban

tour might be the last by an international star. He accused the media of scaring people away by their reporting of the threats of violence. Unused tickets for Saturday night's concert were made valid for Simon's second concert last night. Reports yesterday said

most blacks seemed to have ignored the personal enorsement of the tour by Nelson Mandela, the president of the African National Congress, at a cocktail party he gave for the American singer on Friday night. Mr Mandela urged blacks to attend in thousands.

But the City Press newspaper said that many blacks could not afford the tickets. priced between 40 and 80 rands (£40-£80).

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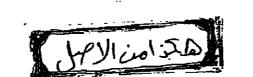
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Chadli resignation offers relief to Arab neighbours



Chadli: his action poses new dangers

THE dramatic resignation of Chadli Bendjedid, the Algerian president, will ease the fears of officials in governments around the Mediterranean afraid of an imminent Islamic electoral victory.

But North Africa watchers believe the coup de théatre will only delay the inevitable extinction of President Chadli's ruling National Liberation Front as a credible political force. The second round of the general elec-tions, scheduled for Thursday, now almost certainly will not take place, at least until after presidential polls are held, probably at the end of next month or in March.

Diplomatic sources said senior officers in the army had been preparing the ground for the departure of President Chadli, and the dissolution of the National Assembly, ever

The Algiers constitutional coup will only delay the final fall from power of the ruling party, discredited among the country's youth, John Phillips writes

talist Islamic Salvation Front won a huge victory in the first round of the parliamentary elections on December 26.

The fundamentalists had

made no secret of their intention to abolish the material privileges enjoyed by army officers if, as expected, they won the second round and formed a government dedicated to setting up an Islamic state. If the fundamentalists obtained a two-thirds majority in the National Assembly they would also have been in a position to amend Algeria's pluralist constitution.

The ruling National Liberation Front, which had obtained only 16 seats in the first round compared with 188 for the Islamic front, had sought to regain some lost ground by accusing the fundamentalists of electoral malpractices. However, the allegation lacked conviction.

The December 26 vote was widely regarded as the freest ever seen in the Arab world. Observers from all political parties, as well as foreign diplomats, were given free access to polling stations. There was little apparent evidence of intereference during balloting even in fundamentalist strongholds in Algiers,

democratic experiment was worrying to the governments of Algeria's neighbours. Tunisia and Morocco, where fundamentalist movements have been suppressed. In Tunis, the government yesterday indicated tacit support for the

The political manoeuvre was also greeted with relief yesterday in France where officials fear an exodus from its former colony if an Islamic state came into being there. Roland Dumas, the French foreign minister, issued a carefully crafted statement in which he described President Chadli's resignation as "an important event heavy with

constitutional coup.

He said France reaffirmed its solidarity with the Algerian people but made no mention of the democratic process. This omission was

interpreted by political experts in Paris as a sign that France was not overly eager to see the second ballot go ahead in Algeria.

But the wary international approval will not be sufficient to bolster the ruling party. If Algerian army commanders are to maintain their grip on power they will have to flex the military muscle.

The ruling party has been discredited among Algerian youths after the army suppressed anti-austerity riots in Algiers and other cities in 1988, which left at least 159 people dead. The support of the young is crucial for any political group since about 75 per cent of the population is under 30 years old.

Nepotism and corruption in government is widely blamed for the parious state of the economy. Unemploy-ment among youths leaving national service is as high as 50 per cent.

For the young, the democratic process offered the only glimmer of hope for a way out of the economic abyss. Political commentators agree that many votes for the Islamic front were undoubtedly cast in anger against the ruling party rather than in direct support for an Islamic state.

Despite misgivings about the fundamentalists, the feeling on the streets of Algiers is that the democratic process should be allowed to proceed. with the door left open to vote out the fundamentalists if their rule proved unpalatable.

So far the reaction of the fundamentalist leadership to the latest political manoeuvre is unclear. The Algerian press predicts that militant Muslims could react violently, especially if they feel that they were robbed of power.



Abdelmalek Benhabyles: new interim leader

Shamir

Diplomat takes over in Algiers

FROM ALFRED HERMIDA IN ALGIERS

PRESIDENT Chadli Benjedid's resignation comes at a volatile time for Algeria. The country is in the middle of its first free general election and faces the prospect of an Islamic fundamentalist government. Mr Chadii's departure leaves the country without a head of state and without a parliament; the national assembly was dissolved a week

The responsibilities of the head of state have been taken over by Algeria's highest judicial body, the constitutional council, led by Abdelmalek Benhabyles. As president of the council he was nominated by Mr Chadli.

Archer angers Kurdish leaders

FROM ANDREW FINKEL IN SALAHUDDIN

JEFFREY Archer left the Kurdish areas of Iraq for home at the weekend determined to promote the Kurdish cause and apparently untroubled by the surreal impression he made during his lightning tour of the area.

One minute he was giving peremptory orders to baffled Kurdish commanders, the next confusing one Kurdish leader with another. The Kurds called him, variously. Mr Archie, Sir Archer and Sir Gifrey. He was mobbed everywhere he went, and Kurdish audiences listened enthusiastically to his promises to exert influence on the British prime minister and the secretary-general of the United Nations to have Baghdad's economic blockade

The fact is, however, that Kurdish leaders remain sceptical that the West has any such intention. Massoud Barzani, leader of the Kurdistan Democratic Party, said at his headquarters at Salahuddin: "They could force open the blockade any

Mr Archer's Simple Truth appeal helped raise £57 mil-lion, much of which has not reached its intended recipients. At a reception given for him in Salahuddin, however Mr Archer sidestepped the question of where the money had gone, declaring that his Kurds the \$1.7 billion (£940 million) they were entitled to under UN resolutions on the Gulf war.

Dr Mahmoud Osman, leader of the Kurdistan sostrongly of the lavish Kurdish hospitality laid on for Mr

Mr Archer appears to have left a series of exasperated leaders in his wake. "He pulled the hair of the head of the Kurdistan Front in Irbil in our country this is not considered a joke," one member of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan said.

But the people loved him. In Sulaymaniyah, Kurdish banners greeted "Sir Gifrey". In response, Mr Archer went even further in demanding Kurdish independence than do the Kurds' own leaders. Mr Barzani, for example, is concerned not to portray Kurdish demands as

A career diplomat, Mr Benhabyles is widely respected and regarded as independent. It will be his task to organise presidential elections which are supposed to be held within the next 45

The political vacuum caused by Mr Chadli's retirement has been filled by the interim prime minister. Sid Ahmed Ghozali, who has taken control and ordered the army on to the streets after the president's resignation. Mr Ghozali was brought in by President Chadli last June, following bloody clashes on the streets of Algiers between the security forces and Islam-

The riots led to the resignation of the ruling FLN and the appointment of an interim government, whose main task was to organise the general election. Though he belongs to the FLN, Mr Ghozali was considered to be beyond party politics. And one of the conditions of his appoint ment was that he would not stand in the election.

But his appointment caused rancour among some ranks of the FLN. Mr Ghozali's predecessor, Mouloud Hamrouche, was annoyed at being ousted from power. In the electoral campaign Mr Hamrouche emerged as the main FLN leader and he now has his eyes on the presidency.

He is seen as part of the old guard of the party, while Mr Ghozali is considered to belong to the progressive wing of the FLN. Since June, Mr Ghozali has abandoned the socialist doctrine of the FLN and overseen the imposition of an austerity programme dictated by the International Monetary Fund.

Attention is also focused on General Larbi Belkeir, the interior minister, who was ppointed by Mr Chadli in November to ensure that the elections went ahead smoothresponsible for the actions of

President Chadli is widely credited as the architect of Algeria's multiparty system. He was a late convert to democracy. He thought he could leave as his inheritance a stable multiparty system. instead Algeria's democratic experiment appears to be floundering and Mr Chadli has jumped ship.

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Stating their case: Three of the 12 Palestinians Israel wants to deport under military guard at Israel's high court yesterday. The court accepted their appeal against an earlier ruling by a military court and their deportation hearings will now be open to the public-

Bush homes in on work

The White House has worked fast to justify last week's Tokyo fiasco to its all-important constituency of Washington pundits, political consultants and pollsters. The "Jobs-R-Us" tour, aides say, began the most important presidential task of the year that of rectifying the perception that George Bush cares only for foreign policy and not for American jobs.

There are plenty of Americans who would love the opportunity to chuckup on a Japanese prime minister's pant-leg," said one Republican adviser, only partly in jest. The only poll that matters, he added, is the one next November, by which time Mr Bush will be fully established as a domestic president" and Kiichi Miyazawa's trousers will be remembered only by

his dry-cleaners. It is a good try. And it may turn out to reflect the political reality better than the insults that met the president's party when it arrived back at Andrews Air Force base on Friday. Without further evidence of medical weakness, it seems unlikely that a flu attack will dominate the political year. If White House aides

As America is losing interest in foreign affairs, George Bush is desperate to prove that he is a domestic president, with jobs on his mind,

needed a lesson on the decaying powers of time, they need only join the American media this week. Television viewers are looking back 12 months to when the Gulf war coalition defeated President Saddam Hussein, made America feel good about itself and made nine out of ten voters feel good about Mr Bush.

This week, as the pundits revisit the political triumph that Desert Storm brought the president back home. only five out of ten Americans think that the president is doing a good job.
That is not because Saddam is still at large, but because too many Ameri-

cans do not have a job.

President Bush is still admired for his war leadership. The war will still be an benefit the White House. But Mr Bush is now being blamed for unemployment. When the president is never liked his conduct of foreign affairs can more

Peter Stothard writes from Washington

otic, or even worse, politically unfashionable. That is what is happen-ing this week, and linked to the Tokyo failures, it is creating a sense of presidential weakness which is as illusory as his previous 90 per cent poll strength. The Middle East peace talks are now seen as stalled. The fact that without Desert Storm they would not be

freely criticise him without

being considered unpatri-

Mikhail Gorbachov is now gone from power. Mr Bush's long encouragement of the former Soviet leader is now an ob-

the former Soviet Union is mostly what America wanted. Would it have been better sooner if Mr Bush had led a freedom crusade around Soviet Central Asia six months ago? Possibly. More likely, not.

taking place at all is tempo-rarily forgotten.

ject of derision. The outcome of events in

The dangers of excessive nationalism still need to be

heeded. By next November. Mr Bush may seem more prophet than appeaser. The Middle East position

is less clear — with a high price likely to be paid for excessive White House pressure on Israel. Mr Bush seems determined. however, to put foreign policy first. He is a pragmatist with a mostly down-toearth perception of how little he can do to create the new world order of which he once liked to speak. The Guif war, like a grand wed-ding party, produced tem-porarily exaggerated expectations. The fizz has now gone out of foreign affairs; it is good for the president that flat reality has set in now rather than later. It is the adjustment that is

most damaging politically, not the reality itself. President Bush is still most likely to be re-elected in nine months' time by persuading voters that he can boost jobs at home and stability abroad. It is dreary truth but no less true for that. If anyone is to defeat disappointed triumphalism and dirty

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trouser legs can only be the start of their campaign.

Iraq to mark its

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN AMMAN

that the accent of the celebrations will be glory. They cite the poor condition of the American economy, the forthcoming US election and President Bush's collapse in Japan to back their claim that President Saddam Hussein

At 2.30am on January 17. the moment last year when the first cruise missiles and bombs crashed on to Baghdad, groups of painters will begin "mother of all battles" murals. Baath party militants will chant anti-US slogans and poets will recite martial

"We have nothing to be on 42 days, reflecting the length of last year's hostilities.

'victory'

IRAQ is planning elaborate celebrations to mark this week's anniversary of the outbreak of the Gulf war, which is being portrayed as a victory over "tyrannical aggression". Defiant Iraqi officials say

will outlast him as leader.

sorry about," Saddam told tribal leaders as plans were finalised. "I never doubted. even for a moment, that we emerged triumphant from the war." Events are planned

limit on peace talks From RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

YITZHAK Shamir, the Israeli prime minister, told cabines colleagues yesterday, the eveof the resumption of Middle East peace talks in Washington, that he expects his delegation to return home by Wednesday or Thursday at

The move, reported by Israel Radio, appeared to confirm fears that, once again, little if any substantive progress can be expected from the Washdelegates have been waiting in the US capital for a week because of the delayed arrival of the four Arab teams -Syria, Lebanon and the joint Palestinian-Jordanian delegation - who postponed their trip because of Israel's threatened deportation of 12 Pales tinians from the occupied

territories. In our talks with the Arabs last time in Washington we agreed to resume contacts on January 7," an official in the They chose not to arrive on time. We have always made it clear that we intended to leave by about January 15, and I expect that is what we

will do." The apparently inflexible Israeli position — given that its team kept Arab delegates waiting a week at last month's talks - may be partly due to the increasingly unstable state of Mr Shamir's coalition

In spite of the prospects of having only three or four days of meetings in the US State Department building, the Israeli negotiators and their Palestinian counterparts appeared confident at the week end that nagging procedural problems, which have so far restricted contacts to "corridor diplomacy", will this time be quickly overcome.

.However, once the two sides are ready to discuss issues of substance, such as israel's autonomy plan for Palestinians in the occupied territories and Palestinian demands for an independent Palestinian state, Mr Shamir can expect to run into problems at home from Tehrya and Moledet, the two tiny ultra-nationalist parties in his coalition government whose five Knesset members hold the balance of power in parliament.

David Levy, the foreign minister, predicted yesterday that Israel would establish full diplomatic relations with China later this month when he makes a five-day official visit to Peking.

Hal, herald of superchips with everything

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN NEW YORK

poignant death scenes in film history was in 2001: A Space Odyssey. The star won an Oscar, though he was not even human. "I'm afraid. I'm afraid ... Good afternoon, gentlemen. I am a Hal 9000 computer," burbled the central character in Stanley Kubrick's film as it reverted to infancy in its final throes somewhere near Jupiter. "I became operational at the HAL labs in Urbana, Illi-

ONE of the longest and most

sing a song ... It's called Daisy." The day of Hal's birth came yesterday, prompting reflection around the United States on how much Arthur C. Clarke, the author of 2001.

nois. on the 12th of January.

1992. My instructor was Mr

Langley and he taught me to

got it both right and wrong in 1968 when he invented the character of the petulant super-computer who boasted of his error-free record, ran amok and took over the spaceship Discovery as it was nearing a rendezvous with an alien sentinel near Jupiter. He killed all the crew bar the astronaut who managed to switch him off.

In 1968, when the computer revolution was starting, it seemed plausible that such an urbane, sentient machine could be just around the corner. But equipping a computer with true intelligence has proven much tougher than Mr Clarke imagined. "We've missed the deadline a little bit." conceded Larry Smarr. Supercomputing Applications Centre. By sheer coincidence, the centre is based in Urbana, a place Mr Clarke



Kubrick: prescience is hailed by scientists

Hal and existing computers was that Hal could decide on things to do that he was not programmed to do, said the experts in artificial intelligence. Mr Clarke said he only made one mistake, in timing. Things have been slowed down greatly by the Vietnam war and all the problems like the Challenger and Galileo the Jupiter-bound probe whose antenna is stuck] and the Hubble space telescope." he said from his home in Sri

chose out of pure whimsy.

The big difference between

Mr Clarke said he thought at the time that the most implausible aspect of Hal was his ability to read the lips of

Lanka. "So the things we

showed in 2001 won't hap-

pen until 2020 or '30

astronauts who plotted to pull his plug to stop him. Such a machine has already been But scientists, sci-fi buffs

and film critics have been hailing the prescience of Mr Kubrick and Mr Clarke in predicting the potential for mischief in the new technology, a capacity now wellknown in America where rogue computers in the past have wrought havoc, jamming millions of telephone circuits, shutting down power stations and paralysing air traffic control.

Hal's birthday celebrations were only a little marred by Mr Clarke's insistence at the weekend that in his screenplay he originally wrote 1997 but the film-makers changed

Metro falls victim to graffiti vandals

FROM SEAN MAC CARTHAIGH IN PARIS .

in the Louvre metro station yesterday and shook their heads in dismay. The replica statues and paintings, glass cases and delicate relief brickwork which adom the platforms were covered in multicoloured graffiti. Vandals had needed just 15

minutes to spray everything in their reach with four "tags", or signatures. Having set off an alarm, they fled.

Louvre-Rivoli, the nearest metro to the Louvre museum. is the pride of the RATP, the Paris transport authority. Decorated and lit with painstaking care, it breathes a little culture into the rush hour crush and whets the appetite

of the tourist. Christian, Kozar, director of safety and the environment for the RATP, said the vandalism made him feel sick in the stomach. And, in a reference to Jack Lang, the culture minister, said the vandals had been "encouraged by certain people who legitimise their activities". M Lang has organised several exhibitions of "tag art",

The RATP launched a campaign against "taggets" in 1991. Although more than £7 million has been spent, progress has been slight. "It's just impossible to watch over 300 stations in the Paris region 24 hours a day, one pato incre

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Kiev wins Russian concession in warships dispute

FROM MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW AND ROBERT SEELY IN KIEV

RUSSIA and Ukraine are to start formal talks on the division of the Black Sea fleet under an agreement reached at the weekend. The talks are expected to begin in a week. and the two republics will also discus: meeting their obligations under arms control agreements signed by the former soviet Union but not ratified before the resignation of President Gorbachev.

The agreement to discuss a division of the Black Sea fleet is at bast a partial victory for Ukrane because it comes after tatements by President Yeltsin of Russia and others

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forme Soviet Union in pos-

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prevent the transfer of nuc-

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nel to Third World countries

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At ne end of this week,

Dougls Hurd, the foreign

secretay, will be visiting Ka-

zakhsta, Ukraine and Rus-

sia. One of the subjects he

wants 1 discuss as a priority

with republic leaders is West-

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much of its inventory of heavy

military equipment, Gerhand Stoltenberg, the lefence min-

After a meetin of leaders

of the Bundesvehr, Herr Stottenberg said that military

spending from net year to 2005 was expected to total

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that the fleet should on no Commonwealth agreements account be divided. This victory may, however, have been bought at a high long-term cost to Ukraine, which seems to have agreed that the conventional forces it has won could be subject to cuts under the East-West treaty on reduction of conventional forces in Europe.

The agreement on the fleet was outlined in a communique late on Saturday night after a day of talks in Kiev. The communiqué said that the talks had covered "military-political questions", in the framework of earlier

republics have so far shown

little interest in allowing

Western intervention. Mr

Cheney said last week he

doubted whether they would

invite Western experts in to

help dismantle their missiles.

that the much-vaunted offer

of co-operation from the

KGB, the former centralised

Soviet intelligence agency, to

Cheney: pessimistic

about nuclear spread

combat international terror-ism and drugs trafficking could be expanded to include

joint action to prevent the movement of former Soviet

nuclear scientists to Third

Major meeting: Boutros

Boutros Ghali, the new Uni-

ted Nations secretary-gener-

al, will meet John Major, Mr

Hurd and other government

ministers in London today.

He is on his first trip abroad

since taking over at the UN at.

Germany cuts defence budget

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN BONN

urday that the planned cuts and military realignments re-

flected changing world sec-urity in the post-Cold War era, as well as Germany's own

budgetary constraints.

Most likely to be affected

will be plans for transport

planes, tanks, heavy artillery.

ships and hardware for the

German air force, the defence

minister said. Plans to spend

20.7 billion marks on new

battle tanks, anti-mine sys-

the beginning of the year.

World countries.

Senior British officials hope

arms pressure

Ly Michael Evans, defence correspondent

WES"ERN governments are ers of the nuclear weapons

tence saying that the "forces deployed on Ukrainian territory comprise the group of strategic Commonwealth [of Independent States forces, excluding that part of the forces of the Black Sea fleet which will become part of the Ukrainian armed forces, and other Ukrainian forces, in-West to increase cluding those which will be

> from the treaty on conventional weapons in Europe". The communique said that experts would spend a week preparing more detailed propreparing more denance pro-posals on "military-political" questions. Until their work was complete, it added, "the sides agreed to refrain from any unilateral action".

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on strategic and conventional

forces, but its convoluted lan-

guage, together with the pro-

visions for immediate talks at

specialist level, indicated that

there were serious

disagreements.
That Russia has conceded

Ukraine's right at least to a part of the Black Sea fleet has

to be deduced from a sen-

Ukraine wants the fleet to form the basis of the Ukrainian navy, while Russia con-tends that it is of strategic importance and should remain under single common-wealth command. Western estimates put the composition of the Black Sea fleet at between 70,000 and 90,000

men and 300 ships.

Towards the end of last week, Admiral Vladimir Chernavin, the commander of the former Soviet — now commonweath — navy, said there was no reason why Ukraine should not have its own fleet for local purposes, such as guarding its mari-time border and preventing smuggling. Saturday's provisional agreement, however, suggests that Ukraine will obtain more than this.

Russia is trying to clarify the meaning of a draft Rus-sian decree on control of the Commonwealth armed forces which was leaked to the Nezavisimaya Gazeta at the weekend. According to the newspaper, the decree would place all forces, nuclear and conventional, throughout the former Soviet Union under Russian command for an interim period, thereby making Russia the military as well as the political successor to the Soviet Union.

Prices protest, page !

air force would need a new

fighter after 2000, plans to go

ahead with the European Jac-

ger 90 were being held back. The defence minister said

another 23 billion marks

would be saved by closing

down some facilities. Herr

Stoltenberg said that the

planned changes would make

the German military more

mobile and enable it to partic-

ipate in rapid deployment forces. To do that, however,

Germany would have to abolish its constitutional restric-



Cheek by jowl: Miss Germany, Ines Kuba, planting a kiss on Hans-Dietrich Genscher, aged 64, the German foreign minister, during a late-night press party in Berlin at the weekend

Jews still blamed

FROM PATRICK MOSER IN BONN

FIFTY years after the Nazis decided upon the "final sol-ution" that led to the Holocaust at a conference in Berlin, 32 per cent of Germans believe Jews carry part of the blame for their persecu-tion and 42 per cent believe that the Third Reich had both its good and its bad sides. Among Israelis, Germans are as unpopular as Palestinians.

Two surveys, carried our respectively by the Emnid Institute of Germany and the Gallup Institute of Israel, also show that 43 per cent of Israelis and 5 per cent of Germans believe that most Germans "are against Jews".

Der Spiegel magazine published the surveys to mark the 50th anniversary of the Wannsee conference in 1942, where Nazi leaders adopted their programme for the ex-termination of Jews. Of the 3,000 Germans interviewed by Emnid, 42 per cent said they believed only a minority about the Holocaust, in which six million Jews died.

When asked which Germans had to carry the burden of guilt for the Holocaust, 32 per cent chose the answer only those Germans who knew about it at the time", while 45 per cent felt it was only the Germans who participated in the persecution". Forty-two per cent said Germans today had no special

responsibility towards Jews. Gallup asked 1,000 Israelis to rate their sympathies for Germans, and others on a scale of +5 to -5. Palestinians and Germans both got an average rating of -1.6, compared with +0.9 for Russians and +2.9 for Americans.

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Lithuania marks killings anniversary

Baltic states prepare for troops showdown

From ANATOL LIEVEN IN VILNIUS

LITHUANIANS are commemorating the killing a year ago of 14 compatriots by Soviet troops, an event which played a key part in discredit-ing Mikhail Gorbachev and hastening the disintegration of the Soviet Union.

Jon Baldvin Hannibalsson, the Icelandic foreign minister, paraphrased Churchill in telling the Lithuanian parliament yesterday: "Never in the history of human conflict has so much been owed by so many to so few."

The commemoration yes-terday and today comes when the three Baltic states are facing increasing problems from the presence of Soviet troops and the cessation of vital supplies from the former Soviet Union. On Friday. Lithuanian border guards fired in the air to stop a Soviet military convoy crossing from Lithuania into the Russian enclave of Kaliningrad, an incident described by Tass as in breach of a Lithuanian-Russian treaty guaranteeing free Russian access to

Kaliningrad. A potentially serious confrontation also loomed in Estonia after a decision by the government to cut off supplies of cereals to Soviet troops in the republic.

Vytautas Landsbergis, the Lithuanian president, told the Lithuanian parliament yesterday that the events of last January showed that "the strong are not those who strike, but those who withstand". Anatolijs Gorbunovs, the Larvian leader, said that. by the sacrifice of their lives. "the Lithuanians saved not just Lithuania, but Latvia and even Russia as well".

Lithuanian prime minister, that of stabilisation. • Ties improve: Krzyszto said that his country would

Skubiszewski, the Polish for-eign minister, arrived in Vilnot join the new Commonwealth of Independent States under any circumstances. He called for early Soviet military withdrawal and for Lithuania to be given "a large part of nius to sign a joint dec-laration with the Lithuanian What is effectively a Polish Soviet military technology and equipment" stationed on

dimbdown followed several months of Polish-Lithuanian tension over the treatment of the Polish minority by the

Zhelev looks in line for Bulgaria victory

From ROGER BOYES

its territory. He said that if

1991 was the year of economic reforms, 1992 would be

ZHELYU Zhelev, the dissident philosopher and incumbent head of state, was yesterday the clear favourite to win as millions of Bulgarians vent to the polls in the country's first free presidential elections.

The president, aged 56. was the leader of the opposition Union of Democratic Forces and was chosen as head of state by parliament in August 1990 after communist rule began to crack. If the president secures nationwide backing he may be able to bridge some of the differences between the reformist parties and keep alive the consensus

for swift market change. But his chief rival, Velko Vulkanov, a lawyer aged 64. seemed yesterday to be picking up many votes in the countryside. Although he is not a party member, he is backed by the former Communists (now named Social-



Winning smile: Zhelev after voting yesterday

ists) who have helped to organise campaign. His ultra-nationalist slogans, playing on anti-Turkish sentiment, have attracted people in the provinces.

To win outright. President Zhelev needs over half the vote. The indications yesterday were that he would easily secure this in the cities, but would only just squeeze ahead in the provinces.

Georgia leader 'to be moved'

London: Armenia has agreed to move Zviad Gamsakhurdia, the ousted Georgian president, away from the bor-der between the two former Soviet republics, Russian television reported yesterday (Our Foreign Staff writes).

Tengiz Sigua, the acting Georgian prime minister, said in Tbilisi that he had asked Armenia to move Mr Gamsakhurdia closer to the Armenian capital of Yerevan.
About 5,000 supporters of
Mr Gamsakhurdia protested in Tbilisi demanding his return. The crowd was swollen by demonstrators from western Georgia, where the fugitive president still enjoys

considerable support. Mr Gamsakhurdia, his family, and an entourage including several dozen armed bodyguards, fled last week to the small Armenian border town of Idjevan, about 50 miles south of Tbilisi.

Although armed soldiers are still checking documents

on the streets of Tbilisi, newspapers have resumed publishing and television broadcasts are being shown.

American role

Moscow: Sepukh Tashchyan has become the second American in the Armenian government, having been named energy minister by President Ter-Petrosian. Raffi Ovanessian, the foreign minister, is also American. (AFP)

Volga cash

Bonn: Germany said it would spend 200 million marks (£70 million) this year con helping persuade ethnic Germans to stay in Russia. Half the sum will go to a planned autonomous German republic on the Volga. (Reuter)

Diehards rally

Berlin: Tens of thousands of diehard communists rallied at the graves of Rosa Luxemburg and Karl Liebknecht.
two activists who were murdered in 1919 for trying to convert Germany to socialism after the first world war. (AP)

Drug arrests

Naples: Police arrested 51 people and broke up a drugs ring peddling a new kind of "crack" in the largest raid in Naples in almost 20 years. Officers put the traffic in the "totaretti" drug at about £5 million a year. (AFP)

Sinking fear

Oslo: A stricken Panamanian cargo ship, the 75.352-tonne Arisan loaded with iron ore. was in danger of sinking off western Norway after it ran aground in a storm. A helicopter recued its crew 23. (Reuter)

Airport fracas

Frankfurt: Six Pakistani passengers were wounded, one seriously, in an attack at Frankfurt airport by about 20 men, also believed to be Pakistani, with knives, luggage and umbrellas. One attacker was arrested. (AP)

Private spies

Madrid: A Spaniard was sent for trial and six others were under arrest after investigation of computer pirates who built up a data bank with more information on half of Spain's population than any government department.

tems and upgrading arcrease of 43.7 billio marks. tions on military involvement Gedyminas Vagnorius, the moured helicopters were or about 35 per lent, in outside the Nato area. axed. He said that, while the planned defence stending Belgrade denies army coup rumours

FROM TIM JUDAH AND DESSA TREVISAN IN BELGRADE

GERMAN's will cut its plan- Herr Stoltenberg said on Sat-

Yugoslavia's acting minster of defence, moved overthe weekend to quash speculation that any form of coup lad taken place within the army or that hardliners determined to wreck the United Nations peace plan were now in coatrol. "The army will not in-pose political solutions." ie said. "Such speculations are tendentious and are ill-intertioned insinuations aimed at discrediting the Yugoslav army and its command."

as minister of defence following the resignation of Veljko Kadijevi: last Wednesday, 3 day after the Yugosiav air force shot down an EC helicopier lilling five ceasefire monitor:

The weekend statement committing the military to the United Nations peace plan is highly significant as General Adzic has always been considered a leader of the military's hardliners opposed u any peaceful settle ment with Croatia. General ily of 60 people was murdered able that his men have, so far,

GENERAL Blagoje Alzic, by Croatian fascists during the war and during the Croatian and Slovene conflicts he has distinguished himself by his apocalyptic and uncom-promising statements.

"Let's give peace a chance." he said at the weekend. Last year he pledged to unleash massive destructive forces on Croatia and Slovenia and stamp out "traitors".

As Yugoslavia's fifteenth ceasefire holds and the military renerates its commitment to it, one of the best General Adzic, the chief of known Serbian militia leadthe general staff, began to act ers, known as Arkan, threatened that recognition of Croatia by the EC on Wednesday would mean that "for us the war begins". While under the terms of the UN plan the Yugoslav army was set to withdraw from Croatia his men would be the last because "we expect an enemy

attack". Arkan's men have been prominent in the siege of the eastern Croatian town of Osijek. The Yugoslav army has pledged that it will disarm all militia groups and despite Adzic's vhole extended fam. Arkan's bravado it is nonce-



Family at war: a Croatian soldier in Zagreb with

recognition for Croatia. Slovenia. Bosnia-Herzegovina the silence of the Serbian

his wife and son before returning to the front

As the EC's decision on and Macedonia approaches, continuing war of words with

government implies acceptance that there is little that it can now do to fend off the inevitable, at least in the case of the first two. However, the

the leadership of the Serbs in Croatia and the silence following the announcement that Serbs in Bosnia were founding their own republic now implies a desire to tread cautiously and try and salvage as much as possible of the old Yugoslavia.

in Bosnia-Herzegovina yesterday Alija Izetbegovic, the president, announced plans for a new Yugoslav or Balkan community and in Macedonia the republic's large Albanian minority voted on autonomy

• Budapest: Further efforts to consolidate the ceasefire in Croatia before the start of the UN peacekeeping mission in the region gathered pace at the weekend as representatives from Croatia, Serbia, the Yugoslav federal army and the European Community met in Hungary to work out confidence-building measures (Ernest Beck writes).

After six hours of talks in Pecs, all sides agreed to set up permanent military representatives' offices in the Serbian and Croatian capitals to facilitate communications and the exchange of information.

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Hawk turned dove fails to allay Croat fears

From ANNE MCELVOY IN ZAGREB Adzic, the former hardline

GENERAL Veljko Kadijevic's resignation as Yugoslavia's defence minister last week, in the wake of the shooting-down of EC helicopters, signalled the end of decades of dominance of the military by second world war veterans. General Kadijevic was the

last of the generation who won their spurs in the Partisan struggles and who helped Tito to forge Yugoslavia on the principle of identity between the army and the state. But Tito's death, the independence movements in Slovenia and Croatia and the nationalism of Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian leader, have rendered the federal army increasingly uncertain of its role. Now, with the disintegration of the federation irreversible, the case is no longer that of a state lent security and stature by its army, but of

an army in search of a state large enough to support it. That task belongs to the postwar generation of officers, such as General Blagoje

chief of staff who is General Kadijevic's interim successor. At the weekend, General Adzic declared his commitment to stopping the fighting and publicly embraced the arrival of United Nations troops. But his sudden transition from hawk to dove occasions scepticism in Croatia and in opposition circles in Serbia.

The federal army is not over-endowed with charm. Even by its modest standards. however, General Adzic is an unprepossessing man. He was behind the army's main anacks on Dubrovnik and Vukovar. He is thought to have been responsible for ordering troops on to the streets of Belgrade to quell the student demonstrations there last March. A Serb from the Croat-dominated Herzegovina region. General Adzic claims he watched his entire family killed by the Croat Ustasha while he hid in the branches of a tree.

reputation may be a good

thing for the tentative peace process beginning in Yugoslavia. The more aggressive army commanders regard him as their man and are less likely to flout his orders than those of his predecessor. How faithful the army re-

mains to a peaceful solution depends less on provocations from the Croatian forces than on its relations with its paymaster, the Serbian leadership. Up to now, the two have had the same interests for different reasons, but it is a marriage of convenience showing signs of strain.

However, the deployment of UN troops is welcome to both. The army knows that a shortage of reservists, low morale and rising competence on the Croatian side make it impossible to carry on winning for much longer. From Belgrade's point of view the stationing of UN troops inside Croatia confirms the army's gains.

How Serbia and the federal Perversely, his hardline army will co-exist after the war is less easy to imagine.

CINEMA

Shooting stars and their wishes

Kevin Costner, Barbra Streisand and Jodie Foster are recent examples of film actors taking over as directors. Geoff Brown hopes they have learned from past experiments of this kind

ou know what film directors do. They wear puttees and nding boots. They fire people. They sit in a chair with their names on the back. and they shout "Action!" But what if the director is also performing? How can he give the firing shot? How can he bark "Terrible!" or "Print it!" when he or she is too busy acting to watch?

Times are hard for the film director's mythical image. More than any other, this is the age of the actor-director. Friday sees the British release of Little Man Tate: Jodie Foster stars and directs. In The Prince of Tides, released here next month, Barbra Streisand performs an identical feat, as she did nine years ago in Yentl.

Last year saw the directing debuts of Dan Aykroyd, Sean Penn and Mario Van Peebles. Nobody needs reminding about Kevin Costner, who fought in the American Civil War, became a surrogate Sioux Indian, danced with wolves, and looked through a viewfinder at the same time.

Actors are not alone in the sudden stampede to the director's chair. "If you can drive a car, you can direct a movie," John Landis remarked, provocatively, in 1990. Hollywood seems to agree: the trade paper Variety estimated that a quarter of all American films released that year had directors with L plates at the wheel. They came from film schools and successful careers in commercials and video; they were writers, cameramen, choreographers, special effects experts. Last year's figures have yet to be computed, but the trend is clearly continuing, with mixed results. Costner, the learner driver of Dances With Wolves, may have won the Grand Prix; but Dan Aykroyd, in Nothing But Trouble, caused the cinematic equivalent of

an M25 pile-up.
Cost is one important factor in the rise of the fledgling director.

Any director flying high — a Scorsese or an Oliver Stone generally expects a high-flying fee. which can cripple a medium-budget film: while the veteran craftsmen who came to movies in the Forties or Fifties are being elbowed out by changes in taste. Someone young and inexperiActors, however, are a different case. During the Hollywood sys-tem's heyday, stars starred, and directors directed: only in very isolated cases - Chaplin, for instance, or the maverick Orson Welles — were the two jobs fused. The key to the current crop of debutants perhaps lies with Sylvester Stallone, who zoomed up from oblivion in 1976 as the star and writer of Rocky. Hollywood needed him badly: the town was dying for a new man with muscles and charisma. Stallone had both, plus ambition, and with Rocky a vast hit, he could exercise power.

A deal was hammered out to write, star and direct. The first result was *Paradise Alley* (1978), an old-fashioned, endearing saga

'For every actor who graduates successfully, six others take the megaphone and run, never to return'

of Bronx wrestlers in the Forties clamouring for bright lights. Then came three Rocky sequels - each more threadbare than the one before, though none could doubt Stallone's ability to milk a formula to the last drop. Through a combination of chutzpah, one raging success and a bullish agent. Stallone blazed a trail that proved difficult for other ambitious actors

Another path to the director's chair involves forming your own production company. For a long time, this was the Hollywood actor's best means of preserving power once the studio system began to wobble in the post-war period. Burt Lancaster joined forces with the producer Harold Hecht as early as 1947. John Wayne formed Batjac in 1952; three years later, Kirk Douglas controlled his own outfit. Bryna

their fling in the director's chair. Fling seems the operative word. For every actor who graduates successfully, such as Woody Allen. Clint Eastwood or Richard Benja-min, six other actors take the megaphone and run, never to return. Lillian Gish's experiences 70 years ago have remained the norm. "After my experience with Remodelling Her Husband," she wrote, "I was cured of any desire to make films." Bob Hoskins, director of the strange gypsy drama *The* Raggedy Rawney, phrased the mat-ter more piquantly: "It's like being pecked to death by a thousand

pigeons."
"Everybody's got questions," he explained when his film was presented at Cannes in 1988: "You get out of the car in the morning. All you want is a bacon sandwich and there they are. 'What do you want me to do about this? How are we going to do that? " For a performer — accustomed to disturbing the director's own breakfast — such decisions can be painful; one recent star actor could only direct after a morning session with his psy

Once the pigeon pecks are done with, however, the end results of an actor-director's labours may be awkward, shapeless and over-in-dulgent but they are rarely dull. If a performer follows the narcissist's route and directs himself, lingering shots and admiring close-ups of the star tend to proliferate. For Dances With Wolves, Kevin Costner awarded himself an invisible halo. in The Prince of Tides, Barbra Streisand takes revenge on the male directors who made her look an ugly duck by treating her character, a New York psychiatrist. to the most flattering photography and fashions. All this is only natural. Any writer-numed-director will pile on the words; any cameraman at the helm will do his damnedest to paint with light.

f the director shows restraint and casts someone else in the lead, performances can still be styled in his own image. Watching Sean Penn's The Indian Runner - the lugubrious tale of two brothers, one good, one bad it is hard to shake off Penn's surly features, though the bad brother is



A doubly singular model: Charles Laughton's only film as director, The Night of the Hunter, had Robert Mitchum as a psychotic preacher, seen here with one of the children he menaces

Man Tate, displays another variation in the pattern. She casts herself in a familiar, undernanding role (street-smart, working-class): the film's interest derives instead from the material's relation to her own life. Little Man Tate is a seven-yearold prodigy. Little Girl Foster made her screen debut at three, and her brains took her to Yale University.

Some actors' films are exceedingwell-behaved: look at Robert Redford's Ordinary People, or the occasional ventures of Paul Newman. But the most interesting contain quirks that would never occur to a journeyman director. Marlon Brando drove his studio bosses crazy over One-Eyed Jacks pulse of the times; he is also cheap. producer's powers, and in time had Foster's confident debut. Little schedule," he would snap — but Britain. Yet the film's visual sophis-

still contrived a unique psychological Western. John Cassavetes fu-elled Shadows, Faces and his other films with a nervous energy derived from improvisation. Robert Montgomery - one of the first of the post-war breed - relayed Raymond Chandler's Lady in the Lake in 1946 through intriguing subjective photography: apart from bridging scenes, you only glimpsed Philip Marlowe if he happened to

brush by a mirror. But the most singular example of an actor-director at work remains Charles Laughton. He was no stranger to production when he made The Night of the Hunter in 1955: some 20 years before, he had

tication still leaves one breathless. Where did they come from, these mad, magic images of fleeing children, a psychotic preacher and the Ohio river? Stanley Cortez, a brilliant cameraman, obviously helped, so did James Agee's script. But Charles Laughton, the director with L plates, was the man at the wheel, guiding the shooting, heavily under the influence of silent cinema. For all aspiring Costners, though. Laughton stands as a warning as much as an inspiration:

ARTS REVIEWS Opera, Theatre and Rock

he never directed again.

Art from • industry

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A NEW art gallery opens in London of Thursday, at an unlikely aldress: in the Science Museum. The form and texture of industrial landscapes and modern technology have inspired arrists from Turner and Loutherbourg to Paolozzi, Guneo and Lumb," says Neil Cossons, the muse-um's director. The gallery will enable the museum sperma-nent collection of pictures to be exhibited, including its most famous items: houtherbourg's 1801 maserpiece Coalbrookdale by Night. and Lowry's 1922 An Incustrial Town. There will aso be temporary shows, beginning on Thursday, with pantings by the present-day "industrial heritage" artist, Edna Lumb.

All for youth

COVENT Garden's opera season has not exact been full of magical evening thus far, so the glittering asembly of vocal talent planed for February 16 should pove especially attractive. It includes Thomas Allen, Willelmina Fernandez, Jerry Iadley. Rosalind Plowright, Carol Vaness and Sarah Valker. But the evening has jothing to do with the Royal Chera; it is a fund-raising galatoncert for British Youth Opra, the organisation founde four years ago to give young professional singers a platform. BYO's president, the bass Robert Lloyd, will be hoping that the gaa goes some way towards ompensating for lack of subidy: no more than 4 per tent of BYO's income com's from public grants.

Last chanæ . . .

STATUS QUO's aftly titled Rock Til You Dop" UK tour was publicisedast September with a boole marathon - four area shows staged at Sheffield Glasgow. Birmingham and London within 12 hours | a sufficiently foolish endavour to earn the group an dtry in the Guinness Book o Records. For the tour itse, which began in Novembe, the boys have stuck faithfull to the nononsense, three-chrd, headbanging routine which will surely see them arough to pensionable age. The end of the road for this yer beckons at Phymouth Padion (0752 229922) tonight ind comes mouth (0202 29797).

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TELEVISION REVIEW

Joanna to the rescue

1991 was an uneasy time for BBC 1, in which falling audience share was linked to criticism that the channel had lost its touch. That was too glib a judgment given that, to take Sunday nights as an example, much depended upon Trainer, which was at peak time, and Trainer never got over the first fence. January brought a new season and an altogether stronger Sunday night. The return of 'Allo, 'Allo and Lovejoy is followed by the new Bob Larbey comedy As Time Goes By and, for three weeks. Melvyn Bragg's A Time to Dance.

ITV looks fairly bleak alongside that line-up, al-though anchoring the eve-ning with two hours of *Poiror* is easy-option scheduling that could still keep the commercial channel in front.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

If that happens, the BBC should make it clearer than it has so far that numbers are

only part of the game.
I like Lovejoy, a series in which Ian McShane plays the eponymous leading role as an antiques dealer. Antiques matter to the series to about the same extent as pensioners mattered to Robert Maxwell. The nature of a vehicle for the story, which usually manages to be entertaining if not entirely plausible.

hat Lovejoy has lacked in the past lacked in the bona has been a bona torest. Any series fide love interest. Any series producer faced with this problem can do worse than look in his address book under L for Lumley, one of the more delicious among missing ingredients.

night's opening episode (a disappointingly corny device) and clearly Lovejoy and Vic-toria, the Joanna Lumley character, are about to enjoy a meaningful relationship. I hope its gestation will be shorter than that of other television romances, such as the Gold Biend commercial; certainly (under the eye of series creator lan La Frenais) it will be less tackily written. Last night's episode con-

cerned a ring that once belonged to an Inca king a crooked Brazilian banker who was a guest at Windsor Castle and the kidnapping of Lovejoy's business partner, the marvellously stiff-lipped Lady Jane, played by Phyllis rorists in rural England?" Lovejoy said incredulously near the beginning, a sure sign that South American



Victoria (Joaina Lumley) and Lovejoy (an McShane)

terrorists wer about to turn up in rural England. These days no pot is beyond belief, credibility langing entirely by a thead that is in the hands o the wife. Lovejoy's proper under the groans under the weight from tine to time, but the script and the characterisation hdd it intact.

PETER BARNARD

Berio and the bright young things

Group Young Mosicians, extravagantly gifted young soloists and ensembles, blowing. scraping. singing and dazzling away in the memory, the problem is where to start. Maybe with two incisively committed string players, the cellist Eva Maya Iwabuchi, who chose adjacent works by Dallapiccola from the mid-Forties just one example of the Park Lane Group's canny network planning of their series), and brought this inward, reluctant music to singing life.

Or maybe with Ron Spigelman, who kept up stamina and spin in tossing bright trumpet tones into a reverberant piano and out to the Purcell Room to create Berio's Sequenza X. Or maybe with the guitarist Steve Gibb, who pulled off an even greater feat of patience in getting through 20 minutes of virtuoso strumming on behalf of the next, and most recent, piece in Berio's caval-

cade of exuberant ordeals. It is encouraging to see, by the way, how Berio has replaced Hindemith as the stable of this annual series, which can now choose largely from music written during its

own lifetime of 36 years. There was more Berio from Fiona Cross, playing the haunting liule Lied for clarinet, and from Garth Hall and Andrew Zolinsky, who shared between them the four elemental studies for piano, as they also shared the first four pieces from ... in real time.

These are lovely, fantastical things, recreating the sweep and flow of Romantic piano music by precisely judged metrical modulation and harmonic ambiguity: painting by numbers, done with such sophistication that the numbers haze into the background and leave the luminous imagery. The only parallels are with recent Ligeti or with Debussy, and the fourth piece in the set is particularly captivating.

Alexander Goehr's current

But no, first place must go to James Crabb for proving conclusively, right from his breathtaking entry from silence at the start of Arne Nordheim's Flashing, that the accordion is not after all an unfunny joke. It may not have much of a repertoire, but Crabb is the sort of player who can make a miracle of anything: he has the dexterity to make the accordion speak as rapidly as a harpsichord.

and he acts on his instrument with slicing exactness and conviction. One could dream of a Berio

Sequenza XII for him, but meanwhile his talents have been given open range in Gordon McPherson's Lame God, commissioned for this occasion. It has lightning bursts of speed; it has the lame god doing a touching lame waltz; and it makes evocative use of toneless squeezes, suggesting the in-strument in slow breathing while it rests. Hard to tell whether the structure may not be a bit ramshackle. electric was every detail and every silence in the execution

nother stunning per former was Jonatha Kenny, a counter-ter or whose career so far har been entirely in Baroqui music, but who has great potential in conjuring wilde shades. To a strong, sur voice he adds the stage pres ence the mime skills and no a little of the look of John Sessions, Priaulx Rainler unaccompanied setting of ex tracts from Donne was boldly delivered as a challenge and proclamation (it helps so much that he can do withou the music), while in Sylvano Bussotti's Lachrymae he quit

transcended campness to actieve a moving portrayal of sersuality and disintegration: I cannot quite believe the pece was not written for him.

* piece that was, Michael finnissy's Two Motets, took lim into a calmer world me would once have said surprisingly calm for this composer — of arching chant, supported by Steve Gibb's #

But this leaves me with no more space for Andrew Zolinsky, who showed his brilliance not only in Berio and Goehr but also in a coruscating performance of Karen Tanaka's Crystalline, which otherwise one might have thought uninterestingly atonalised Messiarn - just as he maintained concern for the crashing rhetoric of Poul Ruders's Dante-Sprata. Nor can I do more than mention Garth Hall's intinate, sparkling and careful path through a selection from Colin Mat-thews's Studies it Velocity-while the splendid Albion Brass Consort, who sorted out the finicky intrigues of Benedict Masons Quinter among their probd performances of mon assentive music, must go virtiout fur-ther record. Sorry folks.

PAUL GUFFITHS

Amid the sounds of violence

Johannesburg's biggest stadium on Saturday afternoon were vintage political theaire: "Yankee go home": "We will destroy the capitalists"; and "Paul Simon,

friend of racists". Inside the venue for the African

eg of Simon's Born at the Right Time world tour. the only political message visible was the quixotic "Quasimodo for president". Fans paraded giant posters bearing the face of Simon. the American conqueror of African

Between

South Africa.

Simon: a cultural hero

two worlds stood the turnstiles of the Ellis Park rugby White middlestadium, and the heaviest security of-the-road presence yet seen at a cultural event in music fans

The operative made up most mood was paraof the audience noia. But the demonstrators numbered no more than 50, and be-

yond singing resistance songs and dancing the toyi-toyi - an on-thespot jogging-march associated with political protest — they did not so much as slow down passing traffic, let alone halt the concert.

For the audience this was a welcome anti-climax. The 40,000 present were predominantly white and affluent. While the cheapest tickets on the tour are, at R40 (E8), inexpensive by international standards, their price is still high enough to preclude a large township contingent.

The threatened action by militants, which made headlines in the week leading up to the event, also seemed to scare off many black fans, whose daily lives are immersed in violence.

The extreme left Pan Africanist Congress (PAC) and Azanian People's Organisations (Azapo) - respectively the second and third

ments after the African National Congress (ANC) — had thrown their support behind any efforts to disrupt the six-concert tour.

Azapo's youth wing, the little known Azanian Youth Organisation (Azayo), which told Simon he was not welcome, exploited the controversy to

maximum effect. When a hand grenade exploded outside the offices of the local promoters of the tour on Wednesday night, Azayo proclaimed that violence was a justifiable response to the tour and grabbed not only headlines, but also a lengthy meeting with Simon. The musician emerged to tell a press conference that the

threat of violence

But Simon has

still to come to grips with the bewildering array acronyms, let alone the differing political motives behind the actions of each player in the boycott game. Azayo promptly

was over

announced that it had given no guarantees about violence. It suggested Simon give additional concerts under the patronage of Azapo. As it dawned on Simon's management that the protests were not about maintaining the boycott - but rather about gaining political capital - it called a halt to the negotiations.
Simon could be forgiven for

thinking he does not deserve all this acrimony. After all, musicians in South Africa regard him as the single most important factor in bringing the country's township rhythms to world prominence. He a hero to both white nostalgia junkies and to younger converts, black and white, who regard the Graceland album as the high point of South African cultural

Before Graceland, few black



Under African skies: ticket prices put blacks in the minority among the 40,000 fans who attended the first of Paul Simon's concerts in his tour of South Africa

artists had ever been heard on white South African pop radio stations. In the wake of the album and worldwide tour, Ladysmith Black Mambazo became the first South African black group to be playlisted on white radio with a song in an ethnic language.

oreign interest in South African music was in-spired by Graceland, which also gave township rhythm a level of respectability it longer had among the urbanised township people. In the 1970s and 1980s, most black acts leaned towards American funk and jazz fusion. Today that pendulum has swung back towards rhythms like mbaqanga and kwela voship jive and beat respec-

Classic albums in these genres, dating back to the 1950s and

1960s, are being reissued. Among others, Spokes Mashiyane, who popularised the penny whistle in Britain in the 1950s, has been given a posthumous comeback with the re-release of King Kwela, his 1958 album. The most obvious new beneficiary of the trend is Mango Groove, the kwela-pop dance band that brought a 2,000 crowd to its feet in the Hammersmith Odeon last November.

Unintentionally, Simon also achieved a political breakthrough with Graceland In 1985, he had come to South Africa in secret to put together a raw tape in a Johannesburg studio and was blacklisted for breaking the ban on international musicians working in South Africa.

But when the result Graceland - was released, and when anti-apartheid artists such as Hugh Masekela and Miriam

Makeba rallied to his defence, the United Nations agreed that artists from South Africa would no longer be barred from performing outside their homeland. Simon was also "forgiven" for working in

Makeba. asekela. Ladysmith Black Mambazo, Ray Phiri, Barney Rachabane and Bakhiti Khumalo were part of the musical who's who on the Graceland tour. Since then, Masekela and Makeba have come home from exile as elders of the musical tribe. Phiri has become a permanent fixture in Simon's band, Rachabane and Khumalo perform in South Africa in their own jazz bands. Ladysmith Black Mambazo has opened an institute to advance the

cause of indigenous music.

All these artists, with the exception of Masekela, who is planning a groundbreaking show at Sun City, once the focus of the cultural boycott, joined Simon on stage at Ellis Park on Saturday. But somehow, it was not the same.

The audience lapped up the Graceland classics, but the first display of unbridled enthusiasm came for the mid-1970s hit, "Me and Julio Down by the Schoolyard", which had the audience dapping. It was clear that the audience were white middleof-the-road music fans who related to the instant hits of pop radio.

political debacle, is likely to provide telling lessons for other artists planning to tour South Africa. For one, if they wish to attract audiences that reflect their vision of a society based on equality. ticket prices will have to be pitched

so low that they will have to take enormous losses. Harvey Goldsmith, the international pop concert promoter. accused the media of exaggerating the threat of violence and thus keeping potential fans away. Bu: Simon himself gave the threats

credence by spending almost a full

day meeting the protesters. Those artists who are willing to take a huge loss for the sake of making a statement - Sting, Peter Gabriel and Dire Straits have been mentioned in this context will have to spend time and energy ensuring that all shades of opinion are solicited, and that no one opposes their tours.

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This will require far more work than merely recording a hit album, and may well keep South African music-lovers in isolation long after the cultural boycott has

Surviving on isolation row

washing line. In a cracked voice he explains that he is "airing" the paper to get rid of the chemicals in the ink. "It takes several weeks before I feel comfortable working with them," he croaks.

From behind a thick glass window in a porcelain-lined trailer, sealed against airborne poliutants, a woman tells her teenage son what she wants for dinner. Nearby. another woman is so sensitive to indoor chemicals - from furniture, paint and solvents that she always sleeps outside, even in winter.

These are the "canaries" of Wimberley, a bleak, windy town in Texas which has become a refuge for people with an extreme sensitivity to the modern world. Why canaries? Because, as a local resident chirpily observes, recalling the way miners used the birds to detect poisonous gases underground: "When the canaries stop singing, we know our world is bad."

Most viewers of tomorrow's 40 Minutes: When the Canaries Stop Singing on Wimberiey's chemical refugees are likely to think the world is bad enough already for them. Caroline, now in her early thirties, was a marathon runner until the day, ten years ago, when she was sprayed with pesticide from an aircraft. Her weight fell to 65 lb and she was in and out of hospital four times.

Held hostage by her illness. she then spent a year in a "strict" room — "I had nothing, not even a pencil and paper" - until her immune system strengthened enough for her to go out again.

The natural response to this grim story is a mixture of

man, who wears only Why a community in Texas has cut itself off from the 20th century



Aired mail: ink chemicals are dispersed in Wimberley

sympathy and awe. But it also raises an urgent question: might the treatment be worse than the disease? This the film chooses not to answer, relying instead on the simple testimony of its tragic subjects. It reports, uncritically, their own assessments of their problems and the aggressive treatments they have chosen. In cutting themselves off from physical contamination, they sever their links with families and friends, with the

past - and the future. The notion of "environ-mental illness" — also known as "chemical hypersensitivity syndrome", "total allergy syndrome" and "20th-century disease" - has gained popularity amid growing concern about pollution. Clinical ecologists, who treat environmental illness, believe that some humans have failed to adapt to synthetic chemicals, resulting in new forms of sensitivity

to them. But conventional doctors are sceptical. A Royal College of Physicians report, still in draft form, by Britain's leading allergy specialists on alternative treatments of allergy says there is "no good evidence" that environmental chemicals depress the immune system and "no unified

theory" of clinical ecology.

Because of its controversial nature, the report is now out for consultation. Among those who hope to see a modification of its hostile stance is Dr Ronald Finn, a consultant physician with a special interest in environmental medicine at the Royal Liverpool Hospital. Clinical ecology. Dr Finn says, is about the interaction of people with the environment. "Hayfever is an allergy to pollen, so you would think it would be more common in the country than in the town. It is the other way round. People in towns are damaging their noses with pollution, which allows the

Put like this, it is hard to understand how the validity of environmental medicine could be denied. There is a consensus among conventional doctors that the worldwide increase in allergies may be linked to pollution.

So why the dispute? According to Dr Finn, it is a matter of focus. "Environmental medicine people are more interested in the chemical sensitivity, allergists in the allergy." A more important reason may be quack practices disguised as clinical

ecology. "It got a very bad name," he admits.

have had a chemical over dose, such as being sprayed with pesticides, suffer damage to their immune systems. One way you can help is by taking them away somewhere where the air is pure. But it is a pretty major thing to take someone out of their environment for a few months and then return them to pick up the threads of their life. That is the worry - that the treatment becomes worse

But Dr Gerald Ross of the Environmental Health Centre in Dallas appears to have few doubts about the benefits of life in a porcelain pod. Interviewed for the programme, he says: "If it is necessary to go into a restricted environment to reduce the total load of chemicals we all have to deal with every day -

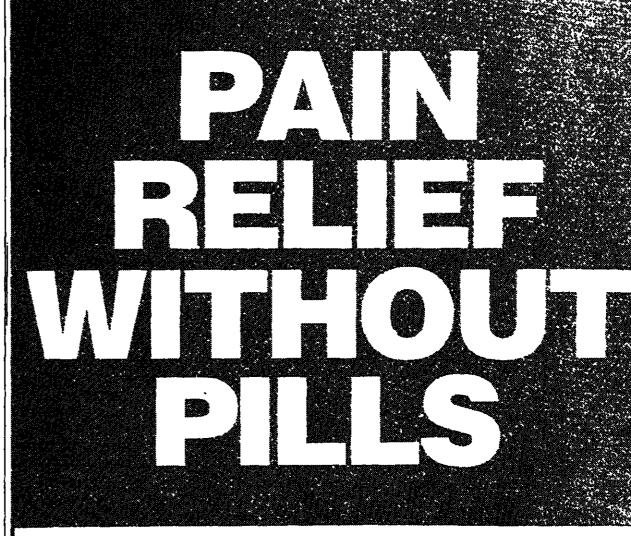
than the disease."

that's reasonable." r Thomas Kurt, medical toxicologist for poison control at the University of Texas South Western Medical Centre, takes a different view. He was not interviewed for the programme, but last week he said that many of the Wimberley residents are likely to be suffering from toxophobia, an extreme sensitivity to certain odours which provoke anxiety or panic attacks. It is not the chemicals they are sensitive to, but their smell.

Many doctors believe that there, is a psychological component in much environmental illness and allergy. A leading article in the New England Journal of Medicine suggested that a large proportion of the people who consult allergists have psychiatric problems, but are seeking a socially acceptable label for them.

A few months on antidepressants might be worth trying if it spares one a lifetime in a pod. But this is not a film about loneliness and loss. It has a different message. The closing shots of Wimberley show this legend: "It is estimated there are 60,000 chemicals in everyday use." Have a nice day.

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Swing low, **Sweet Sixties**

Peter Riddell doubts the 1964 election is a form guide to the 1992 election

uring a break in last week's shadow cabinet review of strategy. Neil Kinnock reminisced with colleagues about the 1964 election campaign. Many were students then, or at the start of careers, although Tony Blair was just an 11-year-old schoolboy. Their memories, Mr Kinnock says, were mostly of a hard-slog campaign, rather than the big switch to Labour suggested by recent comparisons of the mood then and now.

In one sense the Labour leaders' memories are right. There was no great upsurge in support for the party at the 1964 election. It won nearly 60 more seats compared with 1959, to gain a tiny overall majority, but its share of the overall vote rose by just 0.3 percentage points. What happened was a big swing against the Tories, whose share fell by six points, mainly boosting the Liberals vote, though giving them only two extra MPs only two extra MPs.

Comparisons with 1964 are superficially attractive - 13 years of Tory rule, a new prime minister.

a livelier Oppo-sition — but they are essentially misleading. The final, narrow Labour victory reflected two contrasting trends. neither of which is present now. First, there was a

change in the pol-itical mood in 1963-64. The Tories looked stale following the scandals and splits at the end of the Macmillan years, and this was only partly

changed by the arrival of the Home administration. Middle aged politicians and commentators may now have a rosetinted nostalgia about the excitements and the satire boom of 1963-64. But Harold Wilson did exploit, and fuel, a feeling that it was time for a change. It was fashionable to support Labour, Tony Benn noted in his diaries a 1963 meeting of the Society of Labour Lawyers packed with those eager to jump on the bandwagon and obtain judgeships. While the Tories had, in practice, shifted towards greater intervention in industry and incomes policy. Mr Wilson successfully gave the impression of leading a drive to modernise Britain. For much of 1963-64 Labour had a big lead over the Tories in the polls.

Little of that mood is present now. Chris Patten fairly argues that there has been no fundamental shift in the Zeitgeist, no real sense that it is "time for a change". There is no sense of a once-in-ageneration turning point which James Callaghan detected before the 1979 election, and existed also in 1945. Socialism, even a belief in an active state, is not the wave of the moment. The support for Labour of the Pinters and David Puttnam is more a source of amusement than of inspiration for the chartering classes.

Labour has been so keen to offer reassurance about its changed approach that it has risked being seen as safety-first and boring. Labour leaders are wary of trying to excite voters for fear of scaring

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them. Mr Kinnock at times appears like the leader of a management buy-out of UK plc rather than of a crusade to change

The Tories also look fresher and have a more popular leader than in 1963-64. John Major has handled the transition from the Thatcher years skilfully, keeping his party largely united and drop-ping some of the unpopular policies of the late 1980s. He has already responded to voters' worries about public services by raising spending. The Tories' answer to calls for a change of government — that there has been one — seems less unconvincing than in the

Of much less comfort for the Tories is the other trend of 1964. a booming economy. The Labour lead had been at its peak after the recession of 1962-63, but fell back during 1964 as the

expansion and

sharply reduced unemployment.

That accounts for

Labour leaders'

memories of a hard

slog in the 1964

campaign. In

some respects, the

striking feature of

that election was

not that Labour

won only narrowly. but that, in view of the strength of the

'Harold Wilson helped fuel rapid did exploit, and fuel, a feeling that it was time for a change. Little of that mood is present now

> economy, the To-ries lost so much support between 1959 and 1964. The Maudling boom was just not strong enough to remove memories of the earlier downturn and to counteract the desire

> Now, there is not even a Lamont boomlet. But that does not guarantee a Labour victory, especially as social changes since the 1960s have reduced the size of the party's core support. Moreover, the Tories are still seen as better managers of the economy. Voters may still want to punish the Tories for the poll tax and the recession, but they do not necessarily believe that a Kinnock government could produce a significant improvement

> The convergence of the main parties' appeals and voters' doubts about whether a change of government would make much difference may account for recent poll rankings. Leaving aside occasional fluctuations, the Tories have averaged around 39 to 40 per cent since last spring and Labour has been about 41 to 42 per cent. though there are signs that it has slightly widened the gap in the past lew weeks. The big un-certainty is whether the Tory-Labour battles will benefit the Liberal Democrats, who have been squeezed out since the autumn. All but a handful of polls have pointed to a hung Parliament with no overall majority. That is perhaps the crucial difference from 1964. Then, most voters expected a Labour government, and, for a long period, nearly a majority wanted one. Now, the electorate is less sure what it expects, or wants.

In the scramble to put new embassies in the East, corners must be cut, says Michael Binyon

Schmidt of the FO

ast Friday Her Britannic
Majesty's embassy in Kiev
was officially opened. But no
ambassador in a cockaded hat arrived to present credentials, no flag was unfurled, no brass plaque glittered on the gate. Instead, the hard-pressed consul-general was promoted to charge d'affaires and the anonymous hotel room that doubles as his office became the newest of Britain's far-flung embassies, complete with flag, tele-phone and kettle.

The break-up of the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia presents the Foreign Office with its biggest diplomatic challenge since the second world war. In the space of four months two countries have become 21, each clamouring for recognition. Not even in the scramble to decolonialise Africa have so many new embassies been in the offing. Will all those coun-sellors now kicking their heels in Whitehall find themselves dis-patched to Alma Ata and Ljublja-na, Dushanbe and Sarajevo? Can the Foreign Office, at a stroke, trim its top-heavy pyramid and bring dreams of embassy drawing rooms to dozens of wives awaiting their husbands' knighthoods? Reality, alas, is more prosaic

and trammelled by Treasury spending limits. Britain will be profit, political or commercial, in keeping its men in the Tropics. hard pressed to find money Burkina Faso, Comoros, Cape enough to open three new embas-Verde and the Central African sies, let alone a score. Size alone Republic all have British ambassawould make it impractical to set dors; none live in these scantily up the panoply of diplomatic services in Yugoslav republics, populated countries. Only in places where an embassy also some of which may not want in the serves the interests of unrepresentend to separate from Serbia. Most ed allies, such as Angola and Mongolia, is a fully staffed mission worthwhile. Like third world former republics of the Soviet Union will still be served from Moscow. And in a novel solution that cuts costs and shows eagerness to share sovereignty with European Community partners, the head of Britain's mission to libeliate of Britain's mission to ambassadors accredited to half a

dozen European states. Britain has found diplomacy often needs little more than an air ticket and a fax. After 50 years, diplomatic relations have been resiablished with Albania. The British ambas. with Albania. The British ambasof the German embassy.

When Africa gained independence Britain was able to fly the sador to Tirana will be only an occasional visitor. Nevertheless, the Union Jack and royal crest are potent symbols. In the wake of the failed Soviet coup, Europe hurried back to the

country entirely in Europe, in Minsk, capital of Belorussia, and Alma Ata in Kazakhstan. The latter two are nuclear powers. Minsk, as well as being closest to Britain, is also improbably the administrative centre of the Commonwealth of Independent States. But the others will probably never see the ambassadorial Rolls, or even a Ford Escort. Pending the niceties of agreement, our man in Moscow is likely to spend a lot of time on Aeroflot as he presents credentials all over the former Soviet Union. A notional presence on the

ground is still essential, however. and conveniently the Germans. who have the biggest potential trading and political interests in Eastern Europe, appear happiest to accommodate the British. Shared buildings and embassy services are the first logical step. Whether one day HBM's ambassador will also be Herr Schmidt is more debatable, but not ruled out will also be found for premises in Kiev, now capital of the largest in Whitehall. At present the

scramble by the bigger EC members, as well as the United States, is to find and occupy the best building. And if Britain is first to find a 16-room building with passable plumbing and a water-tight roof, it will sign a contract straight away — and then suggest letting six of the rooms to the Dutch or the Danes

Today's telephone diplomacy has removed some of the fun and most of the mystique of embassy life. Gone are the days when the representation to the Sublime Porte occupied the best site in Constantinople. The marble building is still there — now the consulate general. Past splendour still remains in Kathmandu and Kabul. Cairo and Paris. But the successor states to the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia will at best see something severely functional: see something severely functional: the sort of office a sales representative might choose.

There will not even be any feathers or brocade: by tradition, full diplomatic uniform is worn in only a dozen countries, most of them monarchies. Treasury drab is likely to dictate both the uni-form, the furniture and even the location of Britain new missions in

their indigenous coevals practis-

ing a very different style of life:

though remember that it takes

courage - courage unto death,

even — for a young woman of a strictly religious Muslim family to

insist on a career and marriage of

her own choice, not of her parents.

(I still get a naïve pleasure when I

come upon children playing, and

hear the black ones talking in the

same cockney tones as the white.)

things may shelter. Whatever hap-

pens over the next few years, few

can be happy at what is happen-ing, let alone what may yet

happen, in Algeria, where the pot of fanaticism bubbles fiercely on

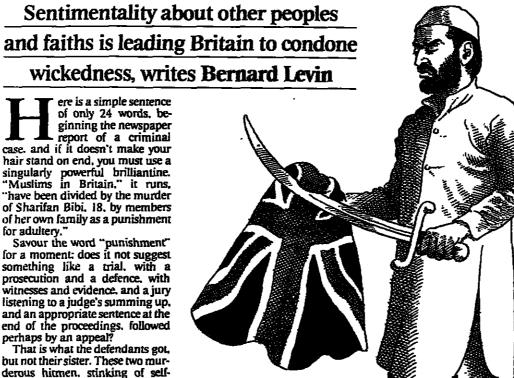
ret we must remember that Islam is a worldwide tree of faith, and beneath some

of its branches very ugly

One law for the Muslims

Baltics. Britain now has resident

ambassadors in all three. Money



Uzbekistan or Azerbaijan is likely

to find himself using the back door

flag without much difficulty sim-

ply by amalgamating the old Colonial Office with the Foreign

Office and turning former gover-

nors' buildings into high commis-

sions. Over the past 30 years, however, Britain has found little

ere is a simple sentence ginning the newspaper case, and if it doesn't make your hair stand on end, you must use a singularly powerful brilliantine. "Muslims in Britain." it runs, have been divided by the murder of Sharifan Bibi, 18, by members of her own family as a punishment

Savour the word "punishment" for a moment: does it not suggest something like a trial, with a prosecution and a defence, with witnesses and evidence, and a jury listening to a judge's summing up. and an appropriate sentence at the end of the proceedings, followed

perhaps by an appeal?
That is what the defendants got. but not their sister. These two mur-derous hitmen, stinking of self-righteousness, killed the girl and her lover; they apparently dismembered the bodies and threw the remains into a pit in a cellar. Meanwhile, the family "appeared unhelpful and unconcerned

If I have only made your flesh creep, you have missed the point Go back and find the crucial words in the opening paragraph: 'Muslims in Britain have been divided by the murder . . .

Oh, they have, have they? And in what proportions? For although only a small number of mad fanatics would act similarly, and not many more would applaud from the wings, the very fact that such murder most foul can be condoned in Britain or any civilised country is surely a cause for shuddering, and - more important than any shudder -action.

Harmonious relations between races in a country as small as Britain are important; on the whole, they have been good here, or at least peaceful. Mr Enoch Powell's wild vision of "the Tiber, foaming with much blood", as he foresaw a Kulturkampf between the indigenous and the incomers (forgetting,

moment when it did stick: it was the panic order by the government not to prosecute those British Muslims who publicly called for the murder of a British citizen; I refer, of course, to Salman Rushdie and the fatwa pronounced against him. For what is surely the first time in our history, incitement to murder, though repeatedly and unambiguously expressed, was officially ignored.
We must not be too literal; the death of Sharifan Bibi cannot be simply laid at the door of those who spurred on the fatwa. But if

pushed so far that it gets stuck, and it is possible to mark the exact

you listen carefully to some of the words used in the trial for her murder, you may have cause for unease. Take the pleading of the lawyer first: "It was probably a killing to protect the honour of the family. You may think they had the feelings of their deeply religious father, who was a teacher at

Nothing wrong with that, you may say; any defending counsel

Let us not fall into the trap of sentimentality disguised as admiration. There are many people in Britain who applaud, publicly or covertly, those who cleave to the most rigid fundamentalist Muslim teaching and behaviour. Would that Christians, they say, were as assiduous and serious about their own religion, and no wonder that there are fewer and fewer Christian church-goers, considering the feebleness of what they hear when they go there.
Well, all the Christians need is a

few lengths of wood, some piles of twigs, a box of matches and a heretic or two. (Only one or two to start with, that is: if it goes well, we can give a prize for the best translation of auto-da-fe - this is a British Inquisition, we'll have you know.)

When in Rome ... do not. please, murder your sister, but if you must do not feel proud of yourself afterwards. The world has taken a very long time to get out of barbarism as far as it has, and it will take much longer to complete the process. That longed-for day will only be postponed once more if wickedness is clothed in holiness and bloodlust is mistaken for

sacramental oil. Vengeance is mine: I will repay. saith the Lord. Some people have forgotten, and some never knew, that the stress in that sentence is on "mine" and "I".

Rearproper would put it in such words, to

among many other things, that we were all incomers once), has not come to pass, God be thanked and Allah be praised and sensible men and women be applauded.

It has been argued that the newcomers should for a time have the seesaw tilted towards them rather than to the host population; if we are serious about assimilation, we must encourage as many immigrants as possible to take on the lineaments of the rest of us. Besides, there are lots of potential black Tory votes in Bradford.

The seesaw, inevitably, is very delicately balanced, and it is easy for the authorities - local and central - to smile at the quaint habits of the erstwhile foreigners,

confident that the quaintness will fade along with the erstwhileness. There was a nasty moment a few years ago when a gentleman from the Middle East took it into his head to slaughter a sheep outside his front door, and seemed surprised, just as he had finished cutting the beast's throat and was getting on with emptying the blood into the gutter, to be told by a passing policeman that such customs are on the whole frowned upon in the more fashionable parts of London, and would he therefore kindly desist. (There is also Dr Siddiqui and his cuttingsalbum, but a circus can hardly

exist without the clowns.)

However, the seesaw can be

the wake of Ted Kennedy's recent difficulties and the William Ken-nedy Smith rape trial, it seems the

nation is only too ready to lap up

accusations destined to tarnish the

Mandarins at the MoD took

political sensitivity a bit far last

week when Dick Cheney, the US

defence secretary, was in town.

Tom King, his British counter-part, wanted to take him to see

Alan Bennett's new play. The Madness of George III. But in the

play the king, played by Nigel Hawthorne, bemoans the fact that

Britain has lost her American

colonies. Not a good subject for Mr Cheney, the ministry advisers

by the Labour party in Hartlepool.

where Mandelson is the prospec-

tive parliamentary candidate, app-

In describing Mandelson as the

party's candidate, rather than

prospective candidate, the party

may have unwittingly launched

ears to have committed errors that

could cost him dear.

Jumping the gun

image of "Camelot' for ever.

ensure as much sympathy as possible for his clients. No doubt; but those words were spoken by the prosecution lawyer, not the defence, and the inexorable laws of physics lay down that anyone who bends backwards far enough will eventually fall over. But now hear the judge, passing

sentence on the two sororicides: You must remember you are members of a wider family, the family of the human race." It's a wonder he didn't express regret that the law gave him no alternative to a life sentence. It is easy to say that time will

eventually dissolve such evil uprightness; already, the members of the younger generation are turn-ing away from such bloodthirsty precepts, if only because they see

his election campaign. That

means that any money Mandelson

spends on party propaganda be-

tween now and polling day will be

counted against the legal limit on

his election expenses, which could restrict his ability to spend during the campaign itself. Mandelson insists he is unconcerned. "I don't give a damn. You are a skunk," was his measured response when asked about the matter.

Feathered friends

PEST controllers have feelings too. Rentokil has turned down a contract from Wandsworth council in London to kill 200 Canada geese because it feels its reputation would be "irreparably damaged". A spokesman for Rentokil, which handles 60 per cent of pest control in Britain, says: "It is hard

he can't refuse (RENTO KIL

make him an offer

suggested. Gaining full marks for sanity, King ignored their advice. OF ALL people. Peter Mandelson, who masterminded Labour's last general election campaign, is the last you would expect to fall foul of GED election laws. But a leaflet put out

> to believe any firm would be mad enough to do it. If we did our name would be mud."

Colin Booty, wildlife officer for the RSPCA, agrees with Rentokil and last week wrote to the councilasking it to explain the reasons for the cull. But Joanna Kettle of the council says the cull will take place before the end of the month. Because of the "danger" from animal activists she would not reveal the date or how many marksmen will be used, only that the deed will be done by night.

Rogue gallery

ANTONIA BYATT has accused the Tate gallery of being "high-handed". It says in turn that the Booker prize winning novelist is being elitist. What is undisputed is that the Tate has ended privileged private viewings on Sunday mom-ings for Friends of the gallery. Byatt says: "In the most se-cretive, high-handed way the gal-lery has been successful."

lery has now done away with one of my favourite outings on Sunday mornings. I joined the Friends purely to be able to have this rather privileged access." She turned up one Sunday to find her access had been switched to one Thursday evening a month. "What use is that?" she says. "I want to see the paintings in daylight and don't

want to go after work." Wilf Weeks, chairman of the Friends, says: "The Council of the Friends was concerned that income which is intended for the acquisition of pictures for the Tate was being diverted for the benefit of only a small proportion of the membership." Sounds like a good short story at least, if not a fulllength novel.

●Britain's parliamentarians took on their counterparts from Switzerland on the ski slopes of Davos last week. The Brits won the Parallel race, while the Swiss swept the honours in the Giant Statom. Tim Sainsbury, the Tory MP who had been named as a member of the British team, was not in fact there. "I'm sure they were much better off without my contribution on the

slopes," he says.

...and moreover Matthew Parris

he search has been on, revealed The Times Diary last week, for a new scribe to answer the prime minister's letters from the general public. That is the job I did for Mrs Thatcher from 1977 to 1979. Dealing with a Conservative

leader's general correspondence is best compared to digging a ten-mile trench across a minefield. It combines mindnumbing drudgery with occasional enormous explosions. In the late 1970s, as leader of

the Opposition. Mrs Thatcher was receiving every week between a few score letters and 10,000. Borne up like a pingpong ball on the air currents of national controversy, a party leader's mail bag fluctuates crazily.

Our first task every morning was to open the envelopes. We sorted their contents into two principal heaps: "Views, etc" and "Trickies".

The "Views, etc" were generally answered with "thank you for your views", etc. or some variant of this, and an occasional note was compiled for Mrs Thatcher letting her know roughly what people were say-

ing, and in what numbers.
This she devoured hungrily. Mrs Thatcher took an inordinate interest in her public correspondence. She had to be kept from it by every available subterfuge, for, unless restrained, she could be found in the small hours trying to read each of 3,000 letters about capital punishment, or Rhodesia, and underlining in thick blue felt-tip all the bits she agreed with. I was from Chris Patten's

Conservative Research Department, and knew instinctively that it was our duty to divert her from contact with the views of the nation, as they brought out the worst in her.

But she was not personally unkind, and this caused us another problem. The "Trickies" we subdivided into "Poorlies", "Enquiries" and "Loonies", hav-ing first removed all correspondence from MPs, peers, knights, or anything containing money or promises of money which were to be given at once to our superiors.

The "Enquiries" usually got the text of some recent speech in reply, or went to the research department for draft advice. One such from a man sacked because he would not join a union, went to Jim Prior's researcher.

I left his draft reply, dodging the issue, on Mrs Thatcher's desk. It was back on mine the next morning with a line straight through it and "I hate" ("hate" underlined three times) 'the closed shop" scrawled right across it in her own hand.

But the "Poorlies" (hard luck cases) and "Loonies" (mostly people being poisoned via their television set by death rays from Jim Callaghan - some 60 per cent of the British population. in my view, believe they are being poisoned by somebody or other) were sometimes heart-

The problem was that if Mrs

Thatcher got hold of these she would start penning long and kindly personal replies, unconcerned that there were 500 more where these came from. Her public harshness has

become famous, so it is worth mentioning that, privately, she could be kind, unlike her "wet" foes, who were publicly more compassionate but privately rather cynical. It was a nice trait in her, but it did not make her letter-writer's job

That Diary piece took me straight back to the most frightening moment of my life, more terrifying even than when Peruvian bandits set fire to my tent: the moment in 1979 when I entered Mrs Thatcher's room to account for a letter I had written on her notepaper.

The Labour party had printed a million leaflets of it. A facsimile filled the front page of that morning's Daily Mirror. Rich-ard Ryder, her secretary, awaited me outside with a triple brandy...

So. a word of advice to the new scribe in Mr Major's office. Before signing any reply to a member of the public, pause. Read it carefully through. Does it inspire in you the thought. "serves him/her jolly well right"? Then read it aloud twice, just for the satisfaction: and tear

Count to ten. Place upon your desk a clean sheet of paper, grit your teeth, and write "Dear Sir/Madam. Thank you for your interesting letter. Yours

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The spy who loved JFK

EVEN before the dust has settled on the row over Oliver Stone's film JFK, a biography of President Kennedy will further stir controversy with an accusation that he had an affair with a suspected Nazi spy during the last war.

According to Nigel Hamilton, author of JFK: Reckless Youth, the first of three volumes about the golden president and his family. Kennedy was never allowed to forget the affair by the head of the FBI, J. Edgar Hoover. Hamilton claims Hoover used his knowledge as a lever on Kennedy when he

became president in 1961.

He says: "Kennedy fell passionately in love with a Danish girl. Inga Arvad, who was four years older than him. The FBI taped their lovemaking when JFK was based in the capital from 1941-42 as a junior intelligence officer. It led to the intervention of President Roosevelt and Kennedy's father, Joseph."

Hamilton, who is researching his trilogy in Kennedy's home town of Boston, will further challenge the Kennedy myth by claiming that JFK's political career was launched on the basis of a corrupt deal by his father. Hamilton says: Kennedy senior was so determined for his son to become president that in 1945 he bribed the well-known congressman, James Michael Curley, to vacate his Boston seat for John, which he duly won the following year. The correspondence I have seen suggests that JFK was privy to this."

In one of the most sensational passages of the book. Hamilton describes Joseph Kennedy as "one of the most evil men in 20th century American history". Ten years ago the book would not have found an American publisher. In

January 7.

From Mr J. A. Brennan

Sir, In a leading article of January 4 you write of Jewish "zealots turning Arabs out of their homes" in Jerusalem. I believe this not to be the case. A number of houses in the Silwan area of the city were purchased perfectly legally by Jews recently, and some of the purchasers moved into these houses. While this may not have been tactful, it was legal, and cannot be represented as turning out" the residents.

It ought also to be borne in mind that a number of Jews lived in Silwan until they were driven out by the

J. A. BRENNAN. St Clare, Sandfield Park. Liverpool 12.

Weighing in

From Professor Eric Birley. FBA Sir. In pursuit of his campaign for

Yours faithfully, ERIC BIRLEY. Carvoran House, Greenhead, Via Carlisle. Cumbria. January 10.

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ISLAM AND THE VOTER

Cancelling parliamentary elections, the almost certain consequence of President Chadli Bendjedid's resignation, is an odd way to preserve democracy. There can be no certainty that this constitutional feint, designed to fend off a stunning victory for Algeria's fundamentalist Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) in the second round of voting on Thursday, will prevent the "grave and imminent harm to national cohesion" he cited in announcing his demission. Many weapons seized from police during the 1988 riots which started Algeria down the path to democracy were never recovered. The deployment of the army reflects awareness that FIS

supporters could again take to the streets. Nor, unless the party is banned, will it necessarily keep the FIS out of power. With the parliamentary elections put on hold, a people heartily sick of nearly 30 years under the corrupt and incompetent rule of the National Liberation Front (FLN) could show its displeasure by voting for the FIS candidate in presidential elections.

Yet this is not quite the onesided "coup against democracy by the ruling FLN denounced by the FIS and other opposition figures. Mr Chadli, who brought in a new constitution guaranteeing freedom of speech, assembly and the right to form political parties in 1989, has been firmly committed to dismantling the FLN's monopoly on power. His mistake may have been to legalise the FIS in the first place. It is publicly dedicated to demolishing those rights, as well as rolling back most of the reforms intended to rid Algeria of its stultified command economy. Since the first round, its leaders have publicly revelled in "the defeat of democracy, which is pure atheism".

If, as expected, the FIS had won enough extra seats on Thursday to give it the twothirds majority needed to change the constitution, Algerians would have voted not merely for a change of party but for a change in the nature of the state. The evidence that this is what they want is not as compelling as the bare statistics of the first round, which gave the FIS 188 out of 232 seats won outright, suggest. More than 40 per cent of the electorate abstained. The quirks of constituency boundaries brought the FIS within 28 seats of a majority with the support of only 3.2 million out of Algeria's 13 million eligible voters while the FLN, which held only 16 seats, polled 1.6 million votes.

The unpopularity of the ruling party is undeniable, and some of the allegations of vote-rigging and fraud, which have been cited in court challenges affecting 145 constituencies, are exaggerated. But some 900,000 electoral cards were lost and a million ballot papers were invalid, and there is some evidence that the FIS, which has controlled half Algeria's town halls since municipal elections in 1990, struck opponents off the electoral rolls.

In any country, those who seek to dismantle long entrenched one-party systems mount a tiger which is almost guaranteed to ride the old elites out of office. That has been the healthy consequence in almost all the new democracies in Africa, as in Eastern Europe. But the risks of an undemocratic outcome are vastly greater in the Islamic world, where under one-party dictatorships the mosques, the main centres of resistance, have channelled resentment against misrule into an attack on the impiousness of the

secular state as an institution. The FIS makes no bones about its view that there are only two parties, " the Party of God-and the party of the devil". Its leaders are pledged to outlaw any party not "based on the Koran". Since the first round last month, the FIS has published a manifesto committing it to introduce strict Islamic law in every sphere of Algerian life, to review relations with foreign creditors and outlaw usury, and to ban married women from most workplaces. Algeria's independent press will be free only "to defend the Islamic identity". And its extreme wing has ambitions to "spread the faith inside and outside the

country, either by persuasion or by terror". The argument for a breathing space to allow Algerians to consider the radical consequences of an FIS victory is thus strong. There is no place for kneelerk condemnation by foreign "liberals" of an outwardly retrograde step. The FIS has exploited freedoms for which it has nothing but contempt. The army, widely believed to be behind President Chadli's resignation, claims to be defending the liberal 1989 constitution. But it cannot defend it by military dictatorship. After slamming on the brakes, Algeria's leaders must now inch forward again.

FAILURE INADMISSABLE

Like the boy who cried "wolf", commentators on the Uruguay Round of Gatt trade talks have prophesied final breakdown so offen that when the warnings finally become relevant they could all too easily be ignored. This morning, the 108 nations belonging to Gatt will meet in Geneva for what has been billed as a "last chance" session, in which they will be called on to accept or reject the 450-page draft treaty drawn up last month by Gatt's director general, Arthur Dunkel. As Mr Dunkel makes plain in his Times interview today, the idea of trying to buily Gatt's governments with a "take it or leave it" package, specifically designed to exclude the kind of "substantial modifications" demanded over the weekend by European Community farm ministers, did not come naturally to Gait's mild-mannered diplomats.

Mr Dunkel and his colleagues would have far preferred to stay in the background, offering advice on the obscure technicalities of international trade law. Their instinct, quite properly, was to leave the headline-grabbing political decisions to governments. But the irresponsible time-wasting of both the American and the EC negotiators left Mr Dunkel with no choice. Holding his nose, he

had to do the politicians' job for them. The five years of buck-passing since the trade round was started have left the governments of the world's trading nations with no real choice. All 108 must now accept Mr Dunkel's draft essentially as it stands, even if they find some of his proposals unacceptable. The alternative - for Europe, for America, for Japan and for the developing countries would be unqualified disaster. The real wolf

has finally come out of the forest. The main reason why time has run out was illustrated by President Bush's trip to Japan last week. As Mr Dunkel has pointed out, a Gatt agreement must be finalised and initialled by mid-April at latest if it is to avoid becoming embroiled in this year's US election campaign. The elections could turn into a plebiscite on free trade, and in the absence of a Gatt agreement which ties American business interests even more closely into the world trading system, the protectionists are all too likely to win.

In the EC, meanwhile, the Common Agricultural Policy - the world's most damaging and wasteful trade-distorting system - is finally coming up for radical overhaul. Gatt has been a spur. Breakdown of the global negotiations would hugely complicate the herculean task of starting to

drag European farming into the real world. But if the Gatt talks really have reached the eleventh hour, what are the chances of success? The prospects are better than might be inferred from the pugnacious posturing of European farm ministers. The ECs apparently impossible demands can actually be reduced to two technical issues: the treatment of roughly 4 million tons of European wheat currently dumped on the world market; and an exemption clause that would allow Brussels to go on supporting EC farmers provided its subsidies did not encour-

age production and distort world trade. With a modicum of common sense - and some minor concessions to American sensitivities in other parts of the agreement — it should be possible to resolve these issues without unravelling Mr Dunkel's draft text. But if the negotiators who meet today in Geneva cannot rapidly reach final agreement, Mr Dunkel must appeal to their political masters. A G7 summit, to deal with the Uruguay Round and nothing else, should then be called in short order. If the world trading system is to be ruined and the global economy plunged into depression, George Bush, Jacques Delors, John Major, Helmut Kohl, François Mitterrand et al must at least be forced to take personal blame.

NON NOBIS OPUS DEI

Every religion has its fundamentalists, zealots who take the precepts of faith to extremes. Rather than expel them, it is often wiser to keep such enthusiasts inside a broad church, where their impact will be diluted by moderates or cancelled out by other realots. But the risk in seeking to contain them is that they try to take over the larger institution. In the eyes of its critics. Opus Dei is an outstanding example of this risk.

They see Opus Dei as a fanatical rightwing conspiracy trying to infiltrate and even control the Roman Catholic Church. If Opus Dei secures the canonisation of its founder, Josemaria Escriva, the organisation's prestige in the church is bound to increase, since to be founded by a saint, in Catholic eyes, is to be guaranteed God's blessing. In May, when Escriva is due to be beatified by the Pope, the last big bridge on his road to

sainthood will have been crossed. There is little about Opus Dei on which its friends and critics agree. It seems it is either godly or devilish. The humble sanctity (or morbid pride) of Escriva is the biggest point of contention, for Opus Ders claims for its late founder are anything but modest. Opus Dei claims that Escriva founded the organisation in 1928 at the direct inspiration of God. He is known in its literature as "the Father", creating scope in its members' minds for confusion with God Himself.

Opus Dei's greatest strength has always been in Spain, and it also has powerful bases

in America, Germany, Italy, and parts of Latin America. Opus Dei came closest to political power when it provided several senior members of Franco's regime in its final stages. Escriva, who would have been more at home in medieval Spain than the 20th century, practised severe mortification of the flesh, lashing himself, according to one contemporary, "until the walls and ceiling were splashed with blood". Mortification is still a rule of membership. Little was changed by the reforms of the Second Vatican Council (1962-65): the organisation is still unashamedly elitist and internally authoritarian. Hypersensitive about any attack on its good name, it has often been accused of suppressing (or ensuring its friends in high places suppress) evidence harmful to the cause of Escriva's canonisation in Rome.

Since Vatican II the Roman Catholic Church has, thankfully, left behind the monolithic character of its ultramontane period. Within its boundaries it has become a plural society, stretching from New Rightists to old Marxists, from traditionalists to progressives. It should have room for Opus Dei, as for liberation theologians, but

that room is not the engine room. The canonisation of Escriva would demonstrate that Opus Dei has tentacles that stretch to the heart of the Vatican. Nothing would more discredit the canonisation process, while injuring the reputation of the Roman Catholic Church itself.

The courts' work

From Sir Frederick Lawton Sir, Your article, "Victims of a trying system" (January 8), recalls Lord Lane's recent warning of "megatrials", such as the seven in London which seem likely to last between one month and six, not to mention some 20 lengthy civil cases. You reported on January 3 that Mr Asil Nadir has been charged with more than 70 offences and that his solicitors say that the next 12 months will be

can be speeded

needed to prepare his defence. What purpose is served by charging so many offences? Why should not the prosecution revert to the practice followed in the 1950s of putting into the indictment about six alleged offences, choosing those easiest to prove and spacing them out over the period of alleged dishonest conduct? Whenever Lord Goddard was faced with a long indictment he used to say to prosecuting counsel: "Choose your best six counts; the

others can remain on the file." During those years I was briefed in many long fraud cases at the Old Bailey. Most lasted about three weeks, the longest, the State Building Society case, six weeks. That was by far the most complicated case I was ever concerned with either as bar-

rister or as a judge. When there has been a criminal enterprise justice does not require that every dishonest act should be identified and punished. To do so, and then to make the sentences consecutive, would be bad sentencing practice. What tends to happen, with the approval of the Court of Appeal, is for a severe sentence to be imposed on one count and for the sentences on the others to be made concurrent.

Yours truly, FREDERICK LAWTON, I The Village, Skelton, York. January 8.

Muslims in Britain

From the Reverend D. R. J. Holloway

Sir, The debate over the issues raised by the "Muslim parliament" would be helped if we could be assured of all the facts. The media over the last few days (your report, January 7) have spoken of two million Muslims in Britain. So, in a radio interview last Sunday, did Angela Rumbold of the Home Office. Where does this figure come from?

The current edition of British Social Attitudes (eighth report, gives 0.9 per cent of the population that "regard themselves as belonging" to Islam and 0.1 per cent whose family is Muslim but no longer consider themselves as such. On a population of 57.5 million (the 517,500 Mustims in Britain or 575,000 including the lapsed.

Social Trends 21 (HMSO, 1991) gives a figure of one million Muslims. This however comes from the UK Christian Handbook and a complex computation based on the proportion of Muslims in the population of the countries of origin.

We have had no religious census since 1851. The safest figures to go on probably are from opinion polls and social surveys. These consistently give figures for all the non-Christian faiths of 3 per cent or less. Mori, for example, last March gave a figure of 2.2 per cent for all the non-Christian faiths, with 1 per cent being Muslim. But the media and the Home Office are now suggesting that Muslims alone make up 3.5 per cent of the population. This contrasts with Igbal Wahhab, in his pamphlet Muslims in Britain (1989), who, also computing from country of origin, gives a figure of 1.7 per cent.

If we averaged Social Trends and the social survey figures and said the Muslim population was more like three quarters of a million, would

Yours faithfully, DAVID HOLLOWAY, 7 Otterburn Terrace, Newcastle upon Tyne. Tyne and Wear. January 12.

Dental care

Secretary of State for Health

Sir, The new contract for dentists was designed to do just what Mr Nayler, the dentist you interviewed (report, January 8) wants - to replace the "drill and fill" of the years after 1948 by looking after people's mouths so as to prevent problems.

Over 21 million adults and children are now registered with NHS dentists. The adults receive contin-

The vast majority of dentists still work within the NHS. In most parts necessary to improve the situation.

HOOPER. Department of Health. Richmond House, 79 Whitehall, SW1. January 8.

Ways to lessen reading difficulties

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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From Mrs Penny Rose

Sir. It is very encouraging to see (report and leading article, January 4) that the government is at last taking an interest in the New Zealand reading recovery programme.

I, like many colleagues teaching the Royal Society of Arts diploma course for teachers of pupils with specific learning difficulties (dyslexia), have for long advocated Professor Marie Clay's diagnostic assessment and teaching methods ("On the road to recovery", Education Times, January 6).

In New Zealand failing readers are given individual tuition from their sixth birthday. Evidence shows that most go on to become good readers.

If the recovery programme were established in Britain, teachers trained on the 30-odd RSA diploma courses in a variety of methods would be able to concentrate on teaching the hard core of pupils with intractable literacy difficulties, rather than vast numbers of poor readers of all ages, most of whom might have overcome their difficulties had funding been available for individual help at an early age.

Yours faithfully, PENNY ROSE, Amersham and Wycombe College, Beilfeld House, Oxford Road,

High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire. January 6.

From Professor T. R. Miles Sir. The recent interest shown by politicians in reading standards is much to be welcomed. May I, however, put in a plea for those individuals (possibly up to 10 per cent of the population) who because of their physical make up are late at learning to read, remain slow at absorbing printed symbols, and have difficulty with spelling and elementary calculation?

In other areas, such as engineering, art, architecture and - of

computer programming, such individuals may sometimes be exceptionally talented. Branding them as "failures" because they are unsuccessful at meeting targets set by

particular interest in the future -

the literate and numerate is no way to develop their talents. It is therefore essential that there should be a climate of opinion in

which "tests" are seen, not as things to be "passed" or "failed", but as ways of picking out each individual's distinctive needs. It would be good to see the political

parties collaborating on this matter rather than sniping at one another. Yours etc. T. R. MILES. University of Wales, Bangor,

January 10. From Sir Bryan Askew

Bangor, Gwynedd.

Department of Psychology,

Sir, Mr Kenneth Clarke is absolutely right to decide upon a £10 million pilot project on the teaching of reading (report, January 9) rather than spend the £42 million de-manded by the Labour party (report, January 4).

There have always been pupils who are slow to learn. Just over 50 years ago my headmaster in a Durham county pit village elementary school solved the problem simply and

For half an hour each day it was the duty of two or three of us who were good at reading to give individual tuition to those of our fellow pupils who had severe learning difficulties. This system, which also applied to a lesser degree to arithmetic, meant that the majority of the class was not held back but those who needed help received it. Yours faithfully.

chance have the police of ever

disarming the criminal community

if they do not know from where the

Mr Panen was also quoted as

saying that "the use of firearms for

crime was extremely rare". Where

has he been for the last two months?

The number of shootings in south

London has soared, and a police

sergeant is seriously injured in hos-

BRYAN ASKÉW, 27 Golf Links Avenue Tadcaster, North Yorkshire. January 10.

weapons are coming?

crime on the streets.

LINDSAY JAMIESON,

associated materials much of which

Central and the university are at

an early stage of the joint venture:

but it is envisaged that in due course

the project should be under the

direction of an independent trust on

the lines of The Television Trust for

the Environment established by Cen-

tral some five years ago.

(Controller, Features Group).

Central Productions Ltd.,

46 Chariotte Street, W1.

Yours faithfully.

January 6.

ROGER JAMES

gramme due to limited airtime.

Yours faithfully.

January 9.

Shoot to kill

From Mr L. S. N. Jamieson

Sir, Your report, "Police defend shooting ..." (January 3), quotes John Patten, the Home Office minister, as saying that existing gun laws were "already the toughest in Europe and it would prove difficult to impose a total ban".
Our laws are extremely rigorous

for those who wish to own firearms legally, but criminals are already outside the scope of the licensing system and an estimate of up to four million illegal firearms in this country (The Times, January 7, 1988) provides a more than adequate pool on which they can draw.

Jerry Wiggin, MP, tabled a question to the Home Office on January 10, 1990, about the source of firearms recovered from criminals and was informed that there is no cen-

trally collected information. What National TV archive

From Mr Roger James Sir. Central Independent Television is exploring with Oxford University the establishment in Oxford of a Centre for Television History.

This will not duplicate the British Film Institute's archive of television programmes (letter, January 2). It will be an archive of research information and film footage derived from the making of major documentary programmes. It will thus provide for academic researchers, and perhaps future programmemakers, an invaluable record and library of unedited interviews and

on the coming 150th anniversary of

Sullivan and Gilbert From Mr Andrew Crowther Sir, Ian Bradley's article (January 4)

that not be more responsible?

From the Parliamentary Under

uing care and the dentist is paid for this. Children's care is provided through a capitation system designed to encourage treatment to conserve teeth. I have no doubt that this will further improve the high standard of dental health in this country, which is better than among almost all our European neighbours.

of the country there is not the slightest difficulty in obtaining NHS dental treatment, and if anyone has a problem steps will be taken where Yours truly,

happen to think he deserves better but that does not change this fact. Dr Bradley talks about the low ebb of reputation which the Savoy operas

are suffering at the moment. This is not because of a lack of understandthe birth of Sir Arthur Sullivan ing of Sullivan's music, but of begins in an unlucky way by contending that Sullivan was "al-most as prolifie" a composer as Gilbert's words. Even today. Gilbert's achievement in theatrical history is largely unknown, and the Mozart - which seems to place spirit of his works utterly misunderunacceptable strain on the meaning stood. His 150th anniversary fell in 1986

of the word "almost". According to my rough reckoning Sullivan wrote with a fanfare of silence. There was 289 separate pieces, 115 of them an exhibition of Gilbert materials in songs, which is dwarfed alongside New York, true, but that was about Dr Bradley adds that Sullivan is all, as far as I know. Unfortunately, not all deserving artists have their anniversaries celebrated. "arguably our most famous composer": but surely when we think of English composers the names that

Yours faithfully, ANDREW CROWTHER. 82 The Avenue, Clayton, Bradford, West Yorkshire. January 4.

Murder in Angola From the Ambassador of the People's Republic of Angola

spring to mind are Elgar, Vaughan

Williams, Walton and Purcell? Sulli-

van is almost invariably left out or

assigned to a foomote in such lists. I

Mozart's 600-plus works.

Sir, Your report, "Holiday firms steer clear of hazards in Angola", January 6) asserts that Angola is "a country without a government" and refers to "the demise of the socialistbacked government of the ... MPLA". Anyone familiar with my country, particularly the ongoing peace process, would know that the government continues in office and that, under the terms of the Bicesse peace agreement signed by the government and Unita in May

party general elections scheduled for next September. The reference to the ability of "the regime of the former guerrilla leader Dr Jonas Savimbi" to restructure the economy is therefore irrelevant. It should be pointed out that legislation

1991, Unita recognises President

José Eduardo dos Santos as head of

state and government until multi-

introduced by the government aims at establishing a mixed economy. slimming down the state sector and providing incentives for private

That there should be instability in a country subjected to war since its independence is hardly surprising. The appalling murder of British citizens on January 3 at Quilenges, in an area controlled by Unita, is being investigated by the Angolan authorities. My government made protracted diplomatic efforts to achieve an end to the internal conflict which has caused so many deaths and so much suffering and economic destruction. It will continue to do its utmost to ensure peace and calm and guarantee that there shall be no more tragic loss of life.

Yours truly, José Guerreiro ALVES PRIMO. Embassy of the People's Republic of Angola. 98 Park Lane, W1. January 9.

Crucial question on farmland use From Mr Nicholas Woolley

Sir, In his address to the Oxford farming conference (report. January 7) the prime minister posed a question of crucial importance to the future well-being of the countryside: "Do we really need to offer as much protection to farmland now that we

nave surpluses?" With the new planning guidance on rural enterprises expected out later this month his remarks could not have been more timely.

Deciding what we should do with the millions of acres no longer likely to be needed for food production is one of the key questions of our time. Simply allowing such land to fall into dereliction is no solution. We must not repeat the mistakes of the 1930s. Nor can we look for salvation to less intensive farming methods at a time when common agricultural policy reform, pressures from the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and the opening up of Eastern Europe are forcing farmers to become more, not less, efficient.

Overwhelmingly, therefore, the need is to find positive uses for surplus farmland. Forestry has a key role to play here, particularly as we are virtually the least afforested country in Europe. But the prime minister is absolutely right in saying that we must face up to the need to allow some of this surplus land to be made available for sensible, controlled development that provides the homes, jobs, affordable transport and other services that are so badly

needed in many rural areas. The response to the prime minister's question, therefore, must not be a desperate defence of every square foot of surplus farmland or redundant farm buildings from development. Instead it should be a firm determination to ensure that necessary new development - whether it be the conversion of a cow shed or the creation of a new village - is carried out in a controlled and environmentally sound way and to the very highest standards.

Yours faithfully, NICHOLAS WOOLLEY (President, Rural Practice Division). The Royal Institution of Chartered 12 Great George Street, SW1.

Poisonous clouds

From Mr John Osborne

January 8.

pital, having been shot (reports, December 20, January 9). Armed crime seems to be getting Sir. Since you kindly published my out of control in this country and the letter (December 26), realising that it was not an idle complaint about police, instead of spending so much time monitoring the activities of choice of cigarenes or smoking itself. but a hopeless, figurative tilt at the legitimate marksmen and hunters. would be better occupied fighting outrages of "Europeanism", avidly connived at by those in power and those anticipating it, my front doormat has been buried beneath exdespair. They have come from dozens of countries, including those in the continental EC. Some speak a defiant courage, but most match my is never included in the final proown apprehension of inexorable

defeat. Still with many of them, have arrived huge parcels of consoling, yes, Turkish cigarettes, many from Turkey itself, with promises of an enduring supply, which will probably last me out.

Čivis Britannicus sum no longer, but I may at least, puff delicious, poisonous clouds of vaporous contempt into rings, proclaiming: God rot the powers of Brussels and Westminster - and to hell with Burgundy.

Yours sincerely. JOHN OSBORNE. The Hurst, Clunton, Craven Arms, Shropshire.

Homes in Jerusalem

Arabs in the 1930s. Yours faithfully,

air tickets to be costed by passenger weight Matthew Parris (" ... and moreover". January 6) may like to know that when I was due to travel to Cairo for M114. my War Office department, in October 1941, the RAF gave me a weight allowance of 220 lbs. including myself. For light reading I was only able to take with me an India paper copy of Virgil.

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COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM January 12: Divine Service was held in Sandringham Parish Church this morning.

The Bishop of preached the sermon. Sheffield

Her Majesty presented The Queen's Gold Medal of Academic Excellence at King Edward VII's School, King's Lynn, to Mr Graham Hart, who was in-troduced into Her Majesty's resence by Mr M. J. Walker, Headmaster.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE January 11: The Duke of York, Patron, the British Schools

Exploring Society, this afternoon attended an audio-visual presentation at the Royal Geographical Society in London. Captain Alexander Baillie Hamilton was in attendance.

The Prince Edward, Patron this evening attended a concert by the City of Birmingham Sym phony Orchestra in Symphony Hall, International Convention Centre, Birmingham.

His Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the West Midlands (The Earl of Aylesford). Lieutenant Colonel Sean

Forthcoming marriages

Mr T.S.H. Beard

and Miss P.A. Hitching The engagement is announced between Tom, younger son of the late Mr C.H. Beard and of Mrs P.A. Beard, of Chiswick, London, and Polly, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.F. Hitching, of

Mr P.G.W. Beart and Miss C.L. Beasley

The engagement is announced between Pilgrim, elder son of Mr and Mrs C.J.J. Beart, of Fulbourn, Cambridgeshire, and Claire, only daughter of Mr A. Beasley, of Sawtry, Peterborough, and Mrs J. Barry, of Woodstock,

Mr R.J. Boyd and Miss S. Pyon

The engagement is announced between Rupert, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Robin Boyd, of Killavullen. Co Cork, and Shanne, eldesi daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Pyott, of Cape Town, South Africa.

Mr A. Brunero and Miss D. Battsek

The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of Mr R. Brunero and Mrs P. Bruner and Deborah, daughter of Mr M. Battsek and Mrs G. Hamilton.

Mr J.C. Burchell and Miss C.E. Edney

The engagement is announced between Jonathan Charles, only son of Dr and Mrs G. Burchell, of Shenfield, Essex, and Caroline Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Edney, of Bridgwater.

Mr D. Ferguson and Miss A.M. Barkes

The engagement is announced between Dominic, younger son of Mr and Mrs Graham Ferguson. and Alexandra Maria, elder daughter of Mr Geoffrey Barkes, of Kirkheaton, Northumberland, and Mrs Peter Vaughan, of Tranwell Woods, Northumberland.

Mr R.C.P.R. Gordon

and Miss K.E. Morion The engagement is announced between Roderick, son of Colonel John Gordon, of Southwell, Nottinghamshire, and Mrs Jean Gordon, of Buriton, Hampshire. and Katharine, younger daughter of the late Mr George Morton and of Mrs Patricia Monon, of West Derby, Liverpool.

Mr P.J. Griffin and Miss A.M. Jones

The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Griffin, of Wilmone. Warwickshire, and Alison Owen. only daughter of Mrs Peggy Jones, of Northwood, Middlesex, and the late Mr Edwin Owen Jones, of Auckland, New Zealand.

Mr J. Hanwell

The engagement is announced between John, eldest son of Dr and Mrs I.W. Hanwell, of Dorrington, Lincolnshire, and Bahrain, and Caroline Elizabeth. youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs R.W. Tidd, of Tidebrook.

The engagement is announced between Craig, son of Mr and Mrs Bryan Holden, of Solihull, and Lisa, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Roy Bryant, of Essex and Hong Kong. The Hon Richard Vincent

and Miss C.E. Holman

and Miss A.S. Bryant

The engagement is announced between Richard Vincent, twin son of Lord and Lady Holme of Cheltenham, Lurgashall, near Caroline Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Holman, of Hazlemere, Buckinghamshire.

Mr J.J. Kynge and Miss L.B.M. Cavender

The engagement is announce James. son of Major and Mrs J.J. Kynge, of Pono Grange, Pono, North Yorkshire, and Lucy, youngest daughter of Mr D.A. Cavender, of The Manor House, Dowlish Wake, Somerset, and Mrs J. C. Neubauer, of Smallcombe House, Bath.

Mr R.E. Ogilvy Watson and Miss O.M.A. McCormack

The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs D.E. Ogilvy Watson, of Newtownmountkennedy, Eire, and Oonagh, younger daughter of the late Dr P. McCormack and of Mrs Nigel Fawcett, of Wollaton, Nortingham.

Mr D.T. Owen

and Miss E. Cox The engagement is announced between David, son of Dr and Mrs John Owen, of Seaborough, nter of Mr Andrew Cox, of Westminster, London, and Mrs Carol Cox, of

Mr S.F.C. Ross Skinner and Miss A.S.H. Norris

The engagement is announced between Simon, youngest son of Mr H.J.C. Ross Skinner, of Warmwell, Dorset, and Mrs G.R. Ross Skinner, of Easton, Hampshire, and Alexandra, only daughter of Professor J.W. Norris and Mrs M.H. Norris, of Toronto, Canada, and Caputh,

The Hon P.R. Scarlett and Miss S.E. Turl

The engagement is announced between Peter Richard, younger son of Lord and Lady Abinger, of Clees Hall, Bures, Suffolk, and Sharon Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Turl, of Exeter, Devon.

Dr W.S.A. Smellie and Miss G.C. Aikin

The engagement is announced between Swart, son of the late Professor Martin Smellie and of Mrs Florence Smellie, of Glasgow, and Gillian, daughter of Mr Ronald Aikin, of Beverly Hills, California, and Mrs Michael Driver, of Kensington,

RSC aids arts centre

THE Royal Shakespeare Company has joined the battle to save the Sturs arts centre near Bod-min Moor. Cornwall, said to be the largest of its kind in Britain (Simon Tait writes).

Sturts faces closure if Caradon district council fails to approve an interim grant of £30,000 when it meets next month.

Last week the RSC made its first

appearance in Cornwall, under the aegis of Sturts, at Liskeard near by, performing Measure for Measure and The Blue Angel,

Jo Beddoes, the tour organiser, want to promote ourselves in the region, but also to promote Sturts

and inform the community about it. Sturts has worked extremel well for us - we are virtually sold out for the week - and we want to be able to make it a regular venue. But there is no professional theatre venue in Cornwall and without Sturts it is hard to see how we could make a return visit."

ago on a former pig farm, has a debt of £200,000 which it will be unable to meet without the help of formulating its first arts policy. Facilities include an art ga

and an outdoor theatre but if the interim grant is approved an indoor theatre and an expansion on a further 11 acres is planned.

Nature notes

BRAMBLINGS are feeding on beech mast where it lies in the trees: they are like very orange challinghes with a white rump. Most of them come here for the winter from Norway and Sweden. They often roost with chaffinches but the two species rarely feed together because the chaffinches bill is not sharp enough to get beech seeds out of their husks.

Fieldfares and redwings have practically finished the hawthorn berries now and are going out into the open fields. Wood pi-geons are cooing occasionally: when they fly out of the tree in the for the usual clatter of their wings sounds more like a drumbeat. Birch trees have short, stiff carkins often growing in threes like a bird's front toes. There are

two kinds of birch in Britain - the

familiar silver birch with its very

white bark and drooping branches, and the hairy birch,



which is also quite common, and

has greyer bark and boughs that point upwards. Lesser periwinkle is an ever-green plant that flourishes through the winter: its dark green leaves are often found against a fence at country railway stations, and even at this time of year a purple flower can sometimes be

OBITUARIES

Dame Anne Godwin, DBE, general secretary of the Clerical and Administrative Workers' Union, 1956-62.

and chairman of the TUC, 1961-62,

died on January 11 aged 94. She was born in July 1897.

ALTHOUGH in her youth Anne Godwin had fought for the vote for women, she was not what in these days would be regarded as an extreme feminist. Her sympathies were catho-lic and prevented her from becoming narrowly strident. That did not mean that she could not espouse any cause she believed in with passion. Passionate she could certainly be and in her trade union work on behalf of both men and women she allied this with an inner toughness which made her a formidable negotiator. But these qualities were always tempered by an essentially moderate viewpoint and, above all, by a sense of humour. Indeed, in her dealings with her

colleagues her readiness to see a joke

was regarded as slightly unusual by

the men among them, at that time. She had such a pleasant and gentle personality that she was, sometimes, not detectable on first ecounter as the resolute leader of 60,000 office workers. In the male-dominated world of organised labour of her day, her headmistressy looks and bearing caused the doorman of more than one conference hotel to look on with amazement bordering on concern as she walked through its portals into a scrimmage of hard-drinking, toughtalking union leaders. But her mental qualities - she was reckoned to have one of the sharpest and best-read minds in the TUC - commanded respect from both male and female colleagues; the former always made room for her in their councils. These qualities apart, the key factor in her success was her determination. This expressed itself in her belief that the women's struggle was not just a matter of a fight for equal pay but for equality of opportunity and responsi-

Beatrice Anne Godwin was born at Farncombe, Surrey, and was educated at the British School, Bridge Road, Godalming. She left at 15 and began her working life as a counting house clerk in a West End store, earning 5s for a six-day week, working from 9am until 7pm. At sales time the working day lengthened to 10pm, with a free supper as payment for the overtime. In 1916 she moved to the Army Pay Office as a civilian clerk. Her pay was



DAME ANNE GODWIN

now 16s a week, but with the war prices were soaring too and some of the women working in the office formed themselves into a deputation and went to ask the Army Paymaster for more money. They did not get it, being thoroughly shouted down in the process. But this experience planted a seed of inner resistance in Miss Godwin's mind which germinated into a determination to do something practical about trade unionism after the

Moving to an engineering office in 1920, she joined the Association of Women Clerks and Secretaries and in 1928 became its organiser. In 1941 she became its assistant general secretary but very soon the union merged with the National Union of Clerks, the new body taking the title of Clerical

and Administrative Workers' Union. She continued as the new union's assistant general secretary until 1956 when she took over the top job. At that time she was the only woman holding such a position in a union catering for both men and women and only the second to have done so.

As head of a cierical union one of her chief concerns was what she saw as "the lowered status of the clerk in the scheme of things" and she particularly deplored the effects of an education system which encouraged girl clerks to be able to type flawlessly but deprived them of a general education which might encourage more initia-tive. From her earliest days she was an ardent advocate of day release

schemes to help remedy this defect. In 1949 she joined Dame Anne

ceeded to Oslo in 1951, to

Boston, Mass. as consul-gen-

eral in 1954 and after that to

the embassy in Washington.

Russian linguist was recog-

nised by his selection as chief

interpreter during the visit to

Britain by Bulganin and Krushchev. He served as

minister in Moscow between

the war. In consequence,

when Barker arrived in

In 1956 his ability as a

were to remain as a fragment of a minority on the general council for the rest of her working life, and even in 1956, the year of her becoming leader of her own union, women delegates at the Trades Union Congress were still speaking ruefully of the meagre handful of us" - there were 30 women out of 1,000 delegates. When she became chairman of the TUC in 1961, in succession to the gravel-voiced boilermaker, Ted Hill. she was only the third woman to preside over a TUC annual conference, her predecessors being Dame Anne Loughlin and Dame Florence Hancock. Her presidential address, which was generally hailed as a fine. fighting performance, was largely devoted to her favourite topic, education, in which she deplored a state system which concentrated its resources on the 25 per cent of children who got into grammar schools, at the expense of the majority who had to make do with the secondary modern system of that era. She complained of a concentration on vocational education at an early age, at the expense of a broader, liberal education and warned that it was creating divisive cultural barriers between classes which threatened great harm to the nation. She retired from the TUC general

Loughlin and Dame Florence Han-

cock as the third woman member of

council in 1963 after 14 years of pioneering work, but her "retirement' was an active one. She had always had the widest interests both inside and outside the TUC. She was a member of the Central Advisory Council for Education and was a signatory to the Crowther report, 15 to 18; she served on the Carr-Saunders committee on education and commerce and for ten years in the 1950s served as adviser to the British worker representative at ILO conferences in Geneva. From 1962 to 1968 she was a governor of the BBC and from 1963 to 1969 she was a full-time member of the Industrial Court. She was also a tireless worker for the Mary Macarthur educational trust, raising funds to provide opportunities for further education for working women. She had been appointed OBE in 1952 and was created DBE

in 1962. In retirement she lived at Worcester Park, Surrey, where she shared a house with her sister, a senior civil servant. Her sister predeceased her.

least of his responsibilities

during the next two years was

the briefing of dozens of Brit-

ish journalists who flocked

paper Rude Pravo denounced

British secret service, while

the Russians accused him of

By this time, however,

Barker had returned to his

first discipline, as Bowes pro-

fessor of Russian at Liverpool.

His predecessor in Prague,

the late Sir Cecil Parrott, had

earlier re-crossed the same

bridge to teach at Lancaster.

Mild in manner, a reflec-

tive, donnish diplomat, one of

Barker's strengths had been

the rapport he had struck

with his staff within the em-

bassy. The same characteris-

tics now stood him in equal

stead as he readjusted to aca-

demic life. He retired from

Sir William Barker is sur-

vived by his wife, Margaret,

whom he married in 1939,

and by their daughter and

Liverpool at the age of 67.

conspiring to help Dubcek.

there.

CANON LESLIE WILSON

The Rev Canon Leslie Wilson, honorary dean of Geraldion, Western Austrathe TUC general council. Women lia, and former archdeacon of Carpentaria, Queensland, died on December 29 aged 82. He was born on July 19,

> LESLIE Wilson masterminded the building of two cathedrals, St Thomas's, Kuching, Sarawak, and Holy Cross Cathedral, Geraldton, Western Australia. They reflect a hectic life of far horizons which took Wilson from his quiet birthplace near Durham to the Far East, to Australasia and then back again - to a village not far from the point from which he had started. He had his sorrows, however: his mother's death within days of giving birth to him. an unhappy first marriage. ill health and a period of doubt over his church.

He was the youngest of a vicar's four sons. An ekier brother. John Leonard Wilson, became Bishop of Singapore and then of Birmingham Tortured by the Japanese during the war, "the bearded Bishop of Birmingham", as the late Richard Dimbleby dubbed him, was a familiar figure at the annual festivals of remembrance in the Albert

Hall until his death in 1970. Leslie Wilson read theology at Durham, but left without a degree and moved to Edinburgh Theological College. After an assistant priesthood in Edinburgh he was rector of Fort William, 1938-42, and Canon of Argyll and the Isles,

He then entered a period of spiritual crisis. Always a high Anglican, he converted to Roman Catholicism. By now married, though unhappily, he was clearly barred from becoming a priest in his new Church, so worked as an education officer in Scotland. Then just after the war he joined his brother in Singapore on the staff of Toc H under South East Asia Command.

Wilson missed the life of a parish priest, however, and was persuaded by his brother to return to the Anglican Church — as vicar of Malacca, Malaya, 1946-50. He left again to become principal probation officer for Malaya vicar of Kuching, 1952-55. During this time he supervised the construction of St Thomas's, of which he was provost and canon for four more years.

This expertise on Czecho-He travelled to Western slovakian affairs did not en-Australia in 1960, first as dear him to the country's rector of Geraldton, 90 miles political hardliners. In 1970 north of Perth. There he the communist party newslargely repeated his Kuching experience, becoming so him as an alleged agent of the deeply involved in the new Holy Cross cathedral that the interior decoration and stained glass all reflect his preferences.

He was made dean of the cathedral, 1964-66, and administrator of the vast diocese which it served. He then became archideacon of Carpentaria, Queensland, but the sub-tropical climate did not agree with him and he later returned to England.

He served for two years as vicar of Winterborne Stickland, Dorset, before going to his home county as vicar of Holmside. In retirement he lived briefly in Cornwall, before moving back to Co Durham.

Though he separated from his first wife, they were never divorced. She died in 1980 and four years later he married Mrs Margaret Nunns.

who survives him. Middle Temple

Inns of Court Studentships 1992-

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Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Jan van Goyen, land-scape painter, Leiden, The Netherlands, 1596. DEATHS: Edmund Spenser. poet, London, 1599; George Fox, founder of the Society of Friends,

London, 1674; Stephen Collins Foster, song writer, New York, 1864; Wyatt Earp, American marshal, 1929; James Joyce, novelist, Zurich, 1941.

Lord Mustill

The life barony conferred on Sir Michael Mustill on his appointment as a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary has been gazetted by the name, style and hitle of Baron Mustill, of Pateky Bridge in the County of Name Appeals in the Name Appeals in in the County of North Yorkshire.

SIR WILLIAM BARKER

Sir William Barker, KCMG. OBE, British ambassador to Czechoslovakia, 1966-68, and Bowes professor of Russian at Liverpool University. 1969-76, died on January 8 aged 82. He was born on July 19. 1909.

WILLIAM Barker once described himself as a "rather anonymous person". In 1968, however, he occupied centre stage - or came as close as any diplomat can to doing so.

The casting was unusually apposite. As Soviet tanks moved in to bring the socalled "Prague spring" to its stormy end. Britain's envoy in the Czechoslovak capital was a Slavonic specialist and scholar in his own right with unrivalled contacts among the local people.

Not that his duties were entirely diplomatic. As a signal reached the embassy in the early hours of August 21 that the Warsaw Pact was invading the territory of its own ally. Barker ordered that the embassy should become a British refuge.

While brave young Czechoslovaks in the streets vainly tried to defy the advancing Russian armour, many hundreds of British expatriates

Mr Craigie Aitchison, painter, 66; Air Marshal Sir John Baker-Carr. 86; Sir Johannes Bjelke-

Petersen, former Premier of Queensland, 81: Mr Richard

Blackford, composer, 38; Mr Michael Bond, author and cre-

ator of Paddington Bear, 66: Dr Sydney Brenner, CH, molecular biologist, 65: Sir John Caines, civil servant, 59: Lady Donaldson

of Kingsbridge, author, 85; the Earl of Essex, 72. Mr Stephen Glover, former

cellor. Oxford University, 77;

The Princess of Wales, as Patron

of British Red Cross Youth, will

attend a luncheon at the Lanesborough Hotel. SWI, at

The Lord Mayor and Lady

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Lord Willis, 74.

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Birthdays today

tourists and businessmen among them -- crowded into the embassy cinema and dub. For days they camped out on chairs like strikebound holidaymakers at Heathrow while Barker's wife, Margaret, with her daughter and son-in-law helped the staff to provide them with coffee and ham sandwiches — until their evacuation could be organised.

The events of 1968 provided a dramatic close to a distinguished diplomatic career for Bill Barker. He retired from the foreign service later that year to return to academic life at Liverpool University. where he had started out some 40 years before.

Born at Leigh, Lancashire, where his father had once owned a bakery, he went to Liverpool from Leigh Grammar School and took a first class degree in Russian studies. Unable to go on to the Soviet Union, he went instead to Czechoslovakia where he was taught by Russian ėmigres in Prague. He also learned Czech and took a doctorate at the local Charles University.

Barker remained there teaching for a number of years, returning to this coun-



try shortly before the outbreak of the second world war. He then joined the Intelligence Corps, serving as a liaison officer with the Czechoslovak army in exile. developing many of the contacts which were to serve him so well in later years.

In 1943 he was seconded to

cow in 1947, was promoted

September for Old Foresters who

the Foreign Office and in the spring of 1945 returned to Prague, this time as a first secretary in the embassy which he helped to re-open at the end of the war. Much of his subsequent career was spent in Eastern Europe. He was transferred to Mos-

1960 and 1963, returned to the United States for a 12month sabbatical at Harvard, then after three years in the Foreign Office became ambassador in Prague in 1966. The timing was doubly fortuitous. That year saw the rehabilitation of those military leaders who had previously been reviled by the communist regime for remaining in the West during

Prague he found many of his old wartime contacts in positions of some influence in the capital. Given his specialised knowledge of the country and his mastery of its language and culture, this meant that he was not only in the right place

but was there at the right time to observe the rise and fall of the communist reformer Al-

> ing Housemaster of C3 and Mr Roger Thomas joins for one term to teach Geography. Christian Johansen (B2) becomes Senior Prefect. Adam Morane-Griffiths (C1) Captain of School, Rachel

Pooley (Elmhurst) Captain of Lacrosse and Michelle Chan (Turner House) Captain of Netball. Confirmation by the Bishop of Salisbury will be on Sunday, March 8. Club Day will be on Sunday, March 15, when the Penny Reading will be a performance of Oh What a Lovely Wart. The orchestral concert will be on Sunday, March I and the Choral Society concert will be a

Moulsford Preparatory

The Spring Term begins at Moulstord Preparatory School today. Oliver Trethewey is head

St Edmund's College, Ware

The Entrance and Scholarship Examinations are on January 25 1992, with the Music Scholarship on January 18, 1992. The tenth annual Half Marathon is on March 22. The Junior School production of *Iolanthe* is on March 26-28. The Annual Gamekeeper and Countryman Fair will be on April 4 and 5. The CCE Adventurers. The CCF Adventurous Training Expedition will be from April 20-26 in the Peak District. Term ends on April 4, 1992. Wellingborough School

College) and February 28 (Clare College), and the London OW dinner is at Lord's on March 13.

School announcements

Bedford School The Easter Term begins today with 1.110 boys in the School. Christopher Cottam continues as Head of School. Andrew Gomarsall is Captain of Hockey and Robert Perry. Captain of Boats. Bedford School Choral Society will perform Mozart's Requiem in the Great Hall on

Sunday, March 15, at 7,30pm.

editor, The Independent on Sun-Bromsgrove School day. 40; Mr Stephen Hendry, School convenes today at Bromsgrove for the Lent Term. snooker player, 23; Mr Olaf Lambert, former vice-president, The Open Mornings are on January 16 for 7+ to 12+ entry to AA, 67: Mr Ronan Rafferty. golfer, 28: Mr Harry Roach, non-executive chairman, Sunrise the Lower School, January 25 for 13+ entry and on February 1 for Television, 58; Mr Bernard 6th Form entry. The Choral Shrimsley, journalist, 61: Mr. Society will perform African K.C. Turpin, former vice-chan-Sanctus in Birmingham Town

Cobham Hail

The Spring term begins today, Pamela Kemsley continues as The Guardian. The Confirmation service will be conducted by The Lord Bishop of Rochester at Rochester Cathedral on Friday, March 6. The school play will be performed on Saturday, March 28. Term ends on Sunday, March

Hall on March 20. The Careers

Fair is on March 25 after which

Forest School

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The Lent Term commences today at Forest School. The Confirmation Service, to be taken by the Bishop of Barking, will be held on March 22, 1992. Advanced notice is given of a Reunion in

left School between 1967 and 1972. Details will be announced later. Any Old Forester who is not on the mailing list should contact the Warden's Secretary. Malvern College The Lent Term at Malvern College begins today. Half Term Exeat is from February 15 to 18. A service of Confirmation will be

held in the College Chapel on February 23. Examinations for the Sixth Form Scholarships takes place on February 21 and 22. and the Entrance Scholarship examinations take place from February 24 to 26. The Music Scholarship examination is from February 3 to 5, and that for Art on February 23. The Lower Sixth will spend the week beginning February 10. away from the College on Work Experience. The Ledbury Run takes place on March 24. The Combined Choral

on Friday. March 27. Term ends on March 28. Mariborough College The Lent Term at Marlborough

Societies of the College and Malvern Girls' College will per-form David Fanshawe's African

Sanctus in the Winter Gardens

College begins today. Mrs Rosemary Groves joins as a second Deputy Head. Mr John Iveson succeeds Mr Robert Peel as Head of Wind. and Mr Nicholas Parks joins as the new master in charge of Outdoor Activities. During Mr R.T. Sanderson's sabbatical term Mr John Franklin becomes Act-

performance of Mendelssohn's Elijah on March 22. Exeat is from February 20 to 25 and term ends on March 27.

School

boy, Michael Burroughs, captain of rugby football and Philip Wyatt, captain of sevens: Per-Christian Rae is leader of the orchestra and Neil Fisher is head chorister. There will be a Musical Evening on Friday and Saturday March 27 and 28. Tickets available from the School and all proceeds to go to the Charlotte Starmer-Smith Memorial Fund. Term ends on Thursday, April 2.

Lent Term begins today with R.A. James (Challoner) taking up

his appointment as Head Boy

The Lent Term at Wellingborough School begins today and ends on Friday, March 27. The Rev B.T. Lyons joins the staff as Chaplain, coming from the parish of Christ Church. St Albans. Auditions for music scholarships will be on February 24. Performances of Iolanthe will be given on March 18-21. Oxford and Cambridge OW dinners will be held on February 7 (Brasenose

Church news Church in Wales Diocese of Bangor

The Rev Canon Richard Llewelyn Owen. Canon Missioner and Vicar in the Rectorial Benefice of Bangor, has been appointed Rural Dean of Arion Deanery. YORKE-RADLEIGH On Jamery 8th 1992, at his Cheisen home in London, Richard, aged 82 years Long standing loyal and loving friend of the Nicholson and Layton fundles. Funeral Service at Charles. Funeral Service at Charles. Fundles. Funeral Indiana. Forest may be sent to Leverton & Sons Ltd. Funeral Directors. 212 Evershoot Street London. NW1 by 11.30 sim.

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ON THIS DAY

Sir Compton Mackenzie (1883-1972), the novelist, had wanted to plead not guilty but his counsel pointed out that in doing so he faced the probability of a prison sentence. The outhor had his revenge: shortly after the trial his novel Water on the Brain, a hilarious satire on the workings of the Secret Service, was published.

OFFICIAL. SECRETS DIVULGED

Mr. Justice Hawke imposed a fine of £100 on Mr. Compton Mackenzie, the novelist, of Beauly, Inverness, who pleaded "Guilty" at the Central Criminal Court yesterday to charges under the Official Secrets Act, 1911 (as amended by the Act of 1920).

The charge against him was that, having in his possession information which he had obtained owing to his position as a person who held a commission in the Royal Marines, he communicated the information to Messrs. Cassell and Co., Limited, publishers, he not being authorized to communicate the same.

The case for the prosecution was that the defendant, in his book "Greek Memories," published documented details of confidential information to which he had access while engaged on intelligence duties at Athens in 1916...

"Greek Memories" consisted of nearly 600 pages; an ordinary novel consisted of just over 300, so that in the writing of this book he had not money as his instigator. He wrote that book, as he himself had said, not for financial gain, but to tell the truth about Mr. Venizelos and those who followed his lead 16 years ago; being the only person in possession of the facts and circumstances be deemed it his duty to answer the propaganda which for many years

had been carried on in books against the Allies and the Venizelist

1933

of how to define himself as a

Jew. At the time of Freud's

birth, Judaism was seen largely

in religious terms, and the maiority expressed their Jewishness

Freud's generation had access

as never before to higher educa-

tion which did not sit well with

Jewish religious practices which maintain family and communal

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Yet it may be that psychoanaly-

through ritual observance.

Nothing was written by Mr. Compton Mackenzie about anything that took place in Greece until 1929, and then be wrote about things which had taken place in 1915 - 14 years before - and by that time numerous books had been written by all sorts of people.

The book which was now complained of was written in 1932 about matters in 1916, and was written to contradict other books which were untrue in Mr. Mackenzie's view... The JUDGE, addressing Mr

Compton Mackenzie, said he could not possibly conceive how his counsel could have given him (the defendant) any other advice than to plead 'Guilty'...

"As you have pleaded 'Guilty' I
have to decide what the proper

punishment should be. The statute gives me power to inflict on you imprisonment. I have thought deeply over the matter and hesitated very much whether I ought to send you to prison. But I say at once, because I do not want you to have any anxiety about it, that I have come to the conclusion that I can do justice without sending you to prison. But you must be punished.

"The publication of these documents, as I believe someone said, except one of them, possibly has in fact caused no harm. As to a certain other part of this case, which I do not propose to mention further because at the request of the Attorney-General I tried the matter in comera, there was a document which you published which might not only have caused serious harm in connexion with other matters, but in fact may actually have caused harm. That document is naturally of very large importance to some of

his Meiesty's servants... "Your counsel suggests to me that ali the facts led you to believe that you were doing no harm in publishing these documents. He says, and I am quite prepared to believe it, that you are described as an honourable man, and I see no reason why I should not believe your word."

SIGMUND Frend was the first sis, with its own ritual and in his family to have the choice dogma, its stress upon the inner life, its faith in the potential improvability of man, in some ways represents the return of the repressed tradition in altered, secular form. Freud's theories themselves alert us to the potential significance of the abandoned religious way of life which, perhaps like early memories, cannot be forgotten without trace or substitute. Upcohesion but set the Jews apart rooted from Jewish orthodoxy. yet not fully accepted in the Gentile world, Freud created an intellectual territory of his own which transcended and implic-

especially high pitch, and this itly rejected both religious parowas true in Freud's case as revealed most strikingly in The chialism and racism. The virulently anti-Semitic Interpretation of Dreams. Freud's orthodox Jewish famnature of his environment, a ily background was a source of strong dose of Jewish self-hate, strength, energy and conflict, particularly with his father. and revulsion at Jewish religious ritual were all important In From Oedipus to Moses, factors both in Freud's neglect Marthe Robert, the French psyof his religious heritage and, presumably, in his creation of psychoanalysis. choanalyst, argues persuasively that Freud's troubled bond with

The psychoanalytic role ish side and deeply coloured his which Freud created for himself psychoanalytic theories. Freud was similar to that of east Euroregarded being Jewish as a pean rabbis, who often advised training in embattled minority members of their congregations views, and it may be that as in their personal lives, and had close circles of adherents. While founder of a new tradition he had to play down the virtues of he had probably inherited his the old. Yet the evidence seems prodigious memory and analytto be that Freud knew precious ic ability from his rabbinic ancestors, Freud ignored the practical importance of the Tal-Absent in Freud's conception of Jewish ritual and learning is mudic background to his way of its warm, healthy, lifegiving thinking. Kafka once wrote that side, enabling the Jews to sur-Freud's works are a continuation of the Talmud, though through the ages. His sense of there is not a single reference to what it meant to be a practising the Talmud in the twenty-three Jew was inauthentic and convolumes of Freud's Collected Works. (Freud does, incidentalfused and led in the end to his notorious dismissal of Judaism ly, refer to the Holy Ghost). The intellectual milieu in which in Moses and Monotheism. His Freud lived was hostile to the dominant view was that religion is a form of immaning, and he Talmud as the source of rabbindescribes neurosis as "an indiic authority, associated not so much with family and social vidual religiosity and religion as a universal obsessional stability as with Jew-hatred as well as with superstition and the Freud's family life was conseunscientific which had been rejected in favour of rationalism quently devoid of Jewish ritual

and secular enlightenment.

These are, of course, only some of the possible reasons why Freud's religious background was important in his creation of psychoanalysis. It may be that, as in the case of other thinkers, such as Marx or Durkheim, the phantom way of life was transformed into a universal system of thought in which the alienation and the disabilities involved in being Jewish could be overcome and the causes of all forms of social malaise, including racial hatred, be subjected to rational enquiry and treated as illnesses

Still, what is unusual about Freud in the context of his time is not the denial but the extent to which he asserts his Jewish origins - in a social rather than religious sense - especially in response to anti-Semitism. Anti-Semitism, far more than anything positive in the Jewish religious tradition, gave Freud a

sense of identity as a Jew. This point cannot be overstressed as psychoanalysis is an implicit attack on anti-Semitism, and on human prejudice in general, for Freud's central assumption is that all men are driven by the same instincts and are, in a sense, equally wicked: therefore, it is ludicrous for any set of men to regard themselves

as racially superior. However bold and fearless Freud was in defending his people against anti-Semitic onslaughts, he saw himself as an "infidel Jew", a heretical conformist in joining the mutiny against Jewish tradition. In a different age, he might have been a new Moses, continuer of a great religious tradition. Instead, he founded a breakaway system of thought which, ultimately perhaps, could best survive and flourish within the very tradition which it set out to undermine.

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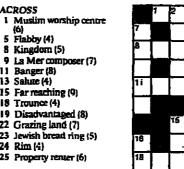
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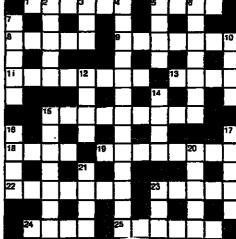
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NEW RELEASES

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THE BRIDGE (12)- Vapid British coshume drama about a Victorian wife's summer affair; from Maggre Herningway's novel. With Saskia Retwes, David O'Hara. Director, Syd Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370

2636) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 5148) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031). HELLO, HEMINGWAY: Young gut a problems with education and lamity an Havana, 1956. Refreshing, bitter-swee Cuban drama; director, Fernando Pere IGA Cinema (071-930 3647).

LIEBESTRAUM (18). Mike Figgis's dark, wild tale of love, death and castron architecture. Intoucating at first, aron secintecture, into ucasing at rest, but yewing creep in, Staming Kawn Anderson, Pamele Gadley, Kim Novak, Cannons: Futham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

adventures of two rampaging girls (Charlotte Gainsbourg, Anoul Grinberg) Strained variation on Bertrand Blier's first hit, Les

Valseuses. Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742/3743) Lumière (071-838 0691). 4 YEAR OF THE GUN (15): Tedious badly scripted thriller about the Red Brigade terrorists. Andrew McCarthy, Sharon Stone: director, John Frankenhemer. Cannons: Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310).

CURRENT THE ADDAMS FAMILY (PG). Tasty feast of black humour, inspired by the

BECKET: Riveling performances from Derek Jacobi and Robert Lindsay in Anough's play on the relationship between Thomas & Becket and Henry & Theatre Royal, Heymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800), Mon-Set, 7 30pm, mats Wed, Set 3red, 165mine.

☐ THE CABINET MINISTER: Derek Nimmo and Maureen Lipman in a snob-bish, largely unfunny Pinero comedy Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-

DANCING AT LUGHNASA: Brian Friet's Olivier Award-wirining memo play, set in 1930s Donegal, returns with a new cast. Garrick, Channg Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085), Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm, 150mms.

AN EVENING WITH GARY fantasies of a woman marned to a soccernum Duchess, Cathenne Street, London WC2 (071-494 5075), Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fn, Sat, 6pm and 8.45pm 130mms.

☐ THE GIGLI CONCERT: Barry Foster is obsessed with making an insh-milionaire (Tony Doyle) into the new Gigli in Tom Murphy's powerful fable Almeidz, Almeidz Street, N1 (071-359

THE INNOCENTS: Henry James's

Turn of the Screw plainly rendered as a chost story, losing the vital ambiguity. Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755) Mon-Sal. 7,45pm, mat Sat, 2,30pm 120mms.

☐ THE MARVELLOUS BOY: Public Parts take a quizzical look at the Bristol ances in a jumbled play. (081-743 3388). Mon-Sal, 8pm 120mins. THE MYSTERIE OF MARIA

TOULOUSE-LAUTREC: Last chance to see the Hayward's unparalleled show of Lautrec's epoch-making paintings (90 of them) shown alongside drawings. (You man) shows a point and posters. Hayward Gallery, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 3144) Daily, 10am-8pm (Tues, Wed to 8pm), closes Sunday.

THE QUEEN'S PICTURES: Another show coming to an end is this maugural one for the temporary exhibition space of the National Gallery's Samsbury Wing, it brings together the cream of the Royal Collection, including masterpieces by Holbert, Rubens, Van i Covection, including 900s by Holbern, Rubens, Var masterpieces by Holbert. Hubers, V Dych, Varmeer, as weë as works by important British portraitists and Victorian artists. National Gallery, Trafatgar Square, London WC2 (071-839-321). Daily, 10no. Spr. place as Sunday.

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ROYAL BALLET: Figna Brockway and first soforsts in the company, make their debuts in the principal roles of Frederick Ashton's inherently English

CINEMA GUIDE

ENCHANTED APRIL (U). Four Englishwomen shere an Italian villa in the 1920s. witty fines, fine Geoff Brown's assessment of performances, crivised entertainment. Staming Miranda Richardson, Joan Plownight, Josie Lawrence; director, Mike Newell films in London and (where Indicated with the symbol •) on release across the country. Curzon West End (071-439 4805).

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♦ FLIRTING (12). Steps to maturity at segregated Aussie boarding schools in 1965 Delightful sequel to *The Year My Voice Broke from director John Diagan*. With Noah Tsylor, Thandie Newton. Carnons: Baker Street (071-335 9772) Futham Road (071-370-2635) Piccadilly (071-437-3561) Minema 1071-235 42251.

♦ HOT SHOTS! (12): Spool comedy

from Amplanet alumnus Jim Abrahams With Charlie Sheen, Lloyd Bridges, and

far too few good jokes Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Mezzenine (0426 915683) Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

MATADOR (18): Murder, high teshion, and anti-Catholic libes from the nimitable Pedro Almodóvar; made in 1986. Assumpts Serina and Nacho Martinez as a chic lawyer and bull-fighter obsessed with love and death.

♦ THE PEOPLE UNDER THE STAIRS (18): Ghetto burglars penetral their evil landlord's house. Lively mix of

ror, Grimm fairy story, and social

lable from director Wes Craven. Starring Brandon Adams, Everett McGut, Wendy Robie. Empire (071-497 9999).

PROOF (15): A blind men's photograph: bring emolional complications, Intinguing entertainment from new Australian director Jocelyn Moorhouse With Hugo Weaving, Genevieve Picol. Renoir (071-837 8402)

TOTO THE HERO (15): Jaunty, absurdist cornedy about youth, old age

and 86's disappointments from talented new Belgian director Jaco van Dormael With Michel Bouquet,

Curzon Maytair (071-465 8865).

V. I. WARSHAWSKI (15): Dingy,

chmsy, four-mouthed thriller extracted from Sare Paretaky's detective novels, with Kathlean Turner as the street smart learnerst sleuth. Odeons: Haymarket (0426 915363) Kenskington (0426 914666) Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

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Porter's wil and wry melodies.
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NTMENEU, WILLIAMS, SWI (U71-007) 1119). Mon-Thurs, 8.15pm, Fri. Sal, 8.15pm and 9pm 120mins.

■ WIND IN THE WILLOWS: Return

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♦ THE COMMITMENTS (15): Hard-briten Dublin youngsters form a soul band. Fresh. turny, and buoyently played by a largely amateur cast. Director, Alan Parker. Camona: Fullham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Odecn Mezzanine (0426 915683).

♦ CURLY SUE (PG): Con men and moppet win the heart of a corporate attorney. Ugly mix of staps bck and sentiment, with a reastible child star sentment, with a reastople child star (Alisan Porter). With James Belushi. Kelly Lynch: director, John Hughes. Cannons: Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) MGM Trocadera (071-434 0031) Whiteleys (071-732 3332).

◆ DELICATESSEN (15) French video whitzkids Jeunet and Caro's wonderfully bittane fantasy about a houseful of lenants living above a cannibalistic butcher. Dominique Pinon, Merie-Laure Dougnac. Cannons: Chalses (071-325 5096) Tottanham Court Road (071-636 6148) Gate (071-727 4043) Metro (071-437 0757) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366).

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☐ PHANTOM OF THE OPERA: Gleeful version of the old thriller tunes by Otlenbach, Verdi and Weber but not Lloyd-Webber Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, London WC2 (071-379 5399) Mon-Fn, 7 30pm, Sat, 8 30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 150mms.

☐ THE RIDE DOWN MT MORGAN: Arthur Miller's disappointingly one-sided play where Tom Contrargues the case for bigarry Wyndham's, Charing Cross Hoad, WC2 (071-887 1116). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm, 150mms. THE SEA: Judi Dench splendid as

the valage grande-dame in revival of Edward Bond's "comedy" of rage and National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-926 2252) Tonight, fornorrow, 7 30pm, mat tomorrow, 2 15pm

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comic ballet, La Fille mai gardée. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066), 8pm

TODAY'S EVENTS:

THE BELLS: Leading tenor Philip Langridge heads the cast in a new opera melodrama based on Leopold Lewis's Victorian drama, The Bells. The piece is produced in association with Green Light Music Theatre, with a musical score by Daryl Runswick. Stephen Langridge directs lephen Langndge directs rside Studios, Crisp Road, on W6 (081-748 3354), 7,30pm

TALKING HEADS: Alan Benneti and Patricia Roulledge recreate some of the characters in Bennett's popular BBC televrson senes. *Telking Hea* Together they perform three Together mey periorn unice monologues A Woman of No Importance, A Lady of Letters and A Chip in the Sugar. The production begins its West End run next week at the Comedy Theatre. Millbrook, Guildford (0483 60191), 7 45pm

HAMLET: Theatre Clwyd's touring production of Shakespeare's play has the excellent Geraint Wyn Davies in the lead, and is directed by Toby Robertson. The production moves to Oxford's Playnouse Theatre real week with dates at Chichester and Brighton to follow.

Grand Theatre, 25 Church Street, Blackpool (0253 28372), 7.30pm. AVE MARIA: Théâire de Complicité's tion to the London Int Mane Festival is Linda Kerr Scott; haunting portrayal of the obsessive spinister. Mrs M. A smash hit last year at the Edinburgh Festival. Institute of Contemporary Arts, The Mail. Indon SW1 (071-930 3647), 8pm.

MASKS, MYTH AND MAGIC: Performance with Jeff McBride, an athletic American making cunning use of light, described in the US as "an (Liner) Purcell Room, South Bank Centre,

ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY: Arrichair Proms week, with stall seats available from 56 from 8 30am on the day of performance. All five current productions leature in the scheme, including flerby IV Part 1 and Part 2 (tomorrow, Wed. 7 30pm) with superto performances from Julian Glover and Michael Maloney as the King and Prince Hall Arrichair Proms week is also at the Swarn, with all five productions being performed including Phyflida Lloyd's sparvling slaging of Shadwell's The Virtuaso (tomorow, 7.30pm) and David Thacker's delightful Trin Gentleman of Verona (hoday, 7.30pm). Royal Shakespeare Theatre (0789 295623). ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY:

Devilry on a shoestring

THEATRE

A Dybbuk for Two People Hampstead

S. ANSKI's The Dybbuk, probably the best-known and perhaps the finest of all Yiddish plays, has a cast-list of 34, not counting "Hassidim, Yeshiva Students, Prosperous Householders, Shopkeepers, Weddings Guests, Paupers and Children". So Bruce Myers's adaptation is less slimline than skeletal, an act of shrinkage beside which Shared Experience's Bleak House, in which six actors played some 40 parts, seems positively profligate. Imagine King Lear transformed into an after-dinner anecdote told by Edgar and the King of France, and you will get the idea.

A Jewish couple, played by Corinne Jaber and Myers himself, cheerfully prepare their Friday night meal. Then the husband's mood changes. Why does the soul from this eternal height fall into abysmal depths?" he glumly inquires; and, by way of reply. he and his wife act out Anski's tale of the young scholar who digs too deep into cabalistic writings and, when deprived of his beloved, transforms himself into a dybbuk on the morning of her wedding and sets up a squat inside her. ("Dybbuk: the soul of a dead sinner that has transmigrated into the body of a living person.")

Jaber is an appealing actress. capable both of projecting a naïve wonder as the love-object. Leye, and of playing a gruff male critic of Khonnon, the do-it-yourself Faust. Myers himself is something more, as deftly inventive a performer as a 20year veteran of Peter Brook's theatrical foundry in Paris ought to be. One

Così fan tutte

Covent Garden

THE Royal Opera must be pondering

the wisdom of putting the present

cycle of the Mozart-da Ponte operas

in the joyless hands of Johannes

Schaaf, the director. His Figaro made

a glum revival before Christmas, and

three weeks later precious little Medi-

terranean light shines through on the

Bay of Naples in Cost the second time

round, despite the best efforts of Carlo

Rizzi in the pit. His tempi are mostly

fleet and supple, except for the essential slowing down at those cru-

cial moments, mainly concerning

Ferrando, when feeling takes over

from mere game-playing.

OPERA

moment he is the diffident Khonnon, receiving the news of Leye's impending marriage with a blank stare. followed by small, silent sobs; the next he is her grandmother, all twittering vowels and apologetic body-language; and then he is transformed into the authoritative rabbi who seeks to exorcise the built-in incubus the obsessed Khonnon has become.

Inevitably there is loss, great loss; but some of it seems unnecessary. The suspicion grows that Myers, who directs as well as writes and acts, is not above displaying his own skills at the expense of the story. Playing one after another of the wedding guests who dance with Leye, he circles the stage, now trundling, now capering, now falling to his knees in supposedly comic imitation of a woman amputee. There is a completely gratuitous episode in which Myers's grandma climbs what inexplicably appears to be a mountain into the cemetery where her daughter lies. Yet Reb Azrielke's epic battle with the dybbuk Khonnon, the climax of Anski's play. passes brusquely and finishes

incomprehensibly. As a consequence, the answer to the original question about the soul, that with the fall the power lies to rise again", makes little sense. All it seems to mean is that husband Myers feels close to wife Jaber, and Friday night dinner may be happily resumed. Yet in spite of everything something of Anski comes across: a hint of that feeling, familiar to readers of Isaac Bashevis Singer, that marvels co-exist with the everyday. It leaves one itching for a full-scale revival of The Dybbuk itself, prosperous householders, paupers, and all. But who, these days, could afford that?

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE



Versatility: Corinne Jaber plays everything from love object to male critic

Would that such responses were visible on stage. Schaaf begins by shooting himself in the foot in having most of the action set in an attic (designer, Hans Schavernoch) which appears to have been furnished from a denuded junk shop. No pair of selfrespecting sisters would have spent their days in it, let alone received in it. It makes a nonsense of the departure for "war" by the two officers multiple stepladders suggest a comic

opera elopement rather than a call to

arms - and it numbs the multiple

ambiguities of the finale.

Two members of the current cast wore Lore Haas's drab costumes on the first night in 1989. Margaret Marshall's Fiordiligi still lacks confidence: she is visibly unhappy in Fiordiligi's early moments of skittishness, while "Per pietà", despite a fine final flourish, becomes a long haul.

This also found the orchestra at its weakest. Anne Howells is all too confident with her slatternly, handson-hips Despina, tossing her mistress's locket around the stage with the best of the gentry.

The men cut classier figures. Kurt Streit's Ferrando, familiar from Glyndebourne, must have wished he

had Trevor Nunn's Cost cruise ship

along with him for his London debut. His tenor has an exemplary smoothness, flecked with passion. The gradual retreat of Alfonso across the stage during the outpourings of "Un aura amorosa" marks one of the production's better moments. Happily, Ferrando is allowed both of his Act II arias and Streit, fully extended by this big house, had just enough stamina and limpidity of tone left for the seductions of "Volgí a me". William

Shimeli contrasted well as an aggres-

sive, almost bombastic Guglielmo. assured in his ability to win every, i

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thing — and everyone.

Diana Montague, almost as keen as Rizzi to put a little effervescence into Schaaf's flat Mozart, contrived a Dorabella who would have suited Guglielmo admirably. Good to see her out of trousers for once: she would shine in a glossier staging. Stafford Dean's Alfonso is very different from the one he has shown in other houses: an almost sinister, bullet-headed figure stepping from one of Hoffmann's murkier tales.

And so to the last opera in the Schaaf cycle, the new Don Giovanni at the beginning of next month. It may well be strong on damnation, but let there be a few of the other Mozartian qualities as well.

JOHN HIGGINS

THEATRE ***

A Killing Passion Lyric Studio, Hammersmith

THIS Temba Theatre production, making a travesty of the story on which the work is based, turns a metaphysical fable on the impossibility of perfection into a tale of two men and a sex-starved wife.

The original is a novella by Thomas Mann, The Transposed Heads. an Indian fable that argues out the relative merits of mind and body. Mann's dialogue is laboured. Nanda, the cowherd's son, discovers that Shridaman, his friend, has beheaded himself. "Still remains the soft plumpness where it was, but reft of sense and meaning, unallied with that noble head of thine." He goes on like this for more than a page. The speeches of Shridaman, of brahmin stock, are even harder to bear. Alby James and Sheena Wrigley are right to change most of the dialogue, but phrases such as "Leave me my lingo" sound weird, and "I'll drink to that!" is positively

absurd in a Hindu tale. The point of Mann's novella is that Nanda has a gorgeous body and a thickish head, while Shridaman has a soft, plump body, but a splendid head. Sita marries the one with the fine head and cultivated thoughts, but

finds herself longing for Nanda's musculature. The chaps realise this and chop on their heads, and when the goddess Kali intervenes with a miracle Sita accidentally (but perhaps not) swoos the heads around.

in Body Language Ayckbourn used this device chiefly for laughs; Mann's parrative has sly humour, but he makes subtle points about the way bodies and minds influence each other. James, who also directs, reduces everything to Shridaman's poor performance in bed.

The transposition of heads poses a special problem: unable to rely on nightly interventions by Kali, An-thony Warren and Charlie Folo-runsho merely change their clothes. an unconvincing theatrical cop-out. Oriental or Indian theatre could have given James a non-naturalistic solution to this difficulty, although this might have lifted the play back to the metaphysical level which he avoids.

"I love you, Shridaman; and I love you, Nanda," says his Sita (Catherine Coffey) when both men lie dead again at her feet. "I just couldn't love you both. But we could have worked it out with time." What a bore. The production foists on to both

men some right-on political attitudes. which fit as snugly as red noses on a temple statue. Coffey fleetingly, Folorunsho more often, and Warren less so, seem at ease in their roles.

JEREMY KINGSTON

ROCK Andrew Strong

Town & Country

WHATEVER else may have happened to Andrew Strong since his fairytale rise to standom, the stylists have not got hold of him. At the tender age of 16, having won the part of Deco Cuffe, lead singer in The Commitments, Alan Parker's film about a fictional Dublin band, Strong was required to do little other than be himself: an uncomplicated, overweight, Irish teenager without a wardrobe, but with a passion for old soul songs made famous by people such as Otis Redding, Wilson Pickett

Now he is a couple of years older and has a real recording contract for six albums under his belt, but if the possibility of upgrading his couture, slimming down, or finding an image has occurred to him, he is not letting on about it. In his white T-shirt and waistcoat, with his fair hair scraped back in a lank ponytail, he looked like Meat Loaf's younger brother, the one who became a roadie.

and Percy Sledge.

Nor has there been any attempt to tinker with the staunchly revivalist, evergreen flavour of the music in the movie. Backed by a competent group, two girl vocalists and a crack six-piece horn section, Strong sallied forth with

End of the Street". expansive presence. Strong walloped into the songs with an impressive lack was every bit as big, dark and throaty as expected, with a timbre reminis-

from the same era.

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expect a favourable response. A more urgent problem is the lack of originality. With even a half-decent band performing material as tried and tested as this, Strong can always promise a good night out, but his popularity will quickly reach a ceiling unless he adds some new twist to the formula. He helpfully identified several of his own compositions, which although good songs, fitted so snugly among the repertoire of old cover versions, that they would otherwise have been mistaken for obscure items (

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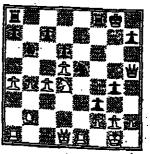
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WINNING MOVE By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

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2.15 Knots-Landing: Deserted. Oales spin-off (7610955)
3.00 The Odd Couple: You've Coles a Long Way Baby. Vintage American comedy series starring Jack Kkugman and Tony Rendall (6287145)

3.25 Bazzarr. Nerys. Hughes presents the Ideastaden magazine programme (6173752) 3.50 Barney. Carteon (/) (4895855) 3.56 programme (81/3/52) 3.50: Samey. Carteon (r) (4895855) 3.55
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8.00 May To December. The Look of Love. Tend without processing Anton Rodgers and Lesley Dunkop (r). (Ceetax) (9394)



First imported from the United States: the wild mink (8.30pm) 8.30 Wildlife on One; Invasion of the Killer Mink

 CHOICE: Mark Jacobe's splendid film is an attempt, not entirely whole-hearted, to rescue the mink from its reputation as a ruthless predator that has no place in the British countryside. The evidence for the prosecution is too strong. The mink may be a modesty-sized creature but it is prepared to take on amount anything. Ducks, geese, pheasants and chickens are all victims of its murderous attacks. Off the coast of Scotland one mink slaughtered 129 birds in a single night, it has even been blamed for killing lambs. The minks which settle and breed on the edges of rivers and canals are the descendants of minks brought in from the stes in the late 1920s to be bred for fur. With changing public attitudes to the wearing of fur, most of the farms have gone but the wild mink continues to flourish. There is not much in its

favour except that it helps farmers by killing rats and rabbits (1329)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceelin) Regional news
and weather (8348)
9.30 Panorama: Risky Business. Michael Crick reports on accidents and deaths at work and asks whether the law on safety is too lenient (447435)

10.10 Cagney and Lacey: Power. The return of the New York police Creme with the female stant. Chris (Sheron Gless) is temporarily put in charge of the 14th precinct. With Tyne Daly (873481). Northern treland: 29 Bedford Street (820232); 10.40 Cagney and

Lacey (587/87)

Gendens by Design: The Extra Room. in the first of six programmes, David Stevens outlines the besics of a well-designed garden (r). (Ceetex) (7665) 11.30 Skillshop (r) (s) (51077) 12.00 Weather (6125191)

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4.00 Catchword. Paul Cola hosts the word game (s) (874) 4:30 Hidden World: Embroidery. The cultural and artistic statements

made by the embroidery of skx women (918) 5.00 Behind the Headlines. With the demise of the Soviet Union, Jane Corbin asks whether spying still has a future (1752)

5.30 Film '92 with Burry Norman, who goes week-kneed over Michelle P(editor (r) (s) (110)

6.00 A Question of Sport. David Coleman hosts the sporting quiz with team capitains Bill Beaumont and lan Botham (r). (Ceefax) (s) (333)

6.30 Great Sporting Momenta. The successful ice-dance partnership

iomova and Gorschkov (377023) 6.40 Def It Fresh Prince of Bei Air - 72 Hours. American drama series set in Los Angeles (110665)



Scated between youth and celebrity: John Kelly (7.05pm) 7.05 Def il: Open to Question. John Kelly chairs a new series in which young people question a celebrity. Kicking-off is the footballer

Justin Fashanu (846394) Volces from the Past: Proud Canvas — Atlantic Ocean 1947. A series of early sound films (275226) 8.10 Horizon: Pest Wars

 CHOICE: For half a century the most effective means of dealing with pests and weeds was to attack them with chemicals. This orthodoxy has been coming under increasing challenge. The opposition to chemicals is partly based on concern about polluting the environment, partly on their diminishing effectiveness and partly on cost. The solution is to encourage natural preciators which, left to themselves, can do the job just as well. This clear and accessible film offers a raft of examples. In Indonesia, which banned 50 posticides, the rice yield went up by a quarter. British tomato growers can buy pest-eating mites, sold in handy sachela. More ingenious was the successful eradication of the damaging screw worm fly by breeding the fly, making it sterile and letting the intertile specimens loose among the rest. (Ceefex) (s) (836329) 9.00 Goodbye Cruel World. The second part of Tony Marchant's moving and beautifully acted drama about coping with disability. Barbara (Sue Johnston) has contracted a fatal muscle-wasting

disease and her husband (Alun Armstrong) devotes himself to hising money for their newly established charity. (Ceefax) (s) 10.00 The Pall Bearer's Revue, Comedy and magic with Jerry Sadowitz (s) (80416) 10.30 Newsnight with Jeren

grist with Jeremy Pexman (480435) 11.15 The Late Show. The arts and media magazine talks to writer Gloria Steinern and looks at the role of public relations before the onset of the Gulf war (s) (737482) 11,55 Behind the Headlines (r) (731936) 12.25em Weather (6126820) 9.25 Keynotes. Music quiz (6405868) 9.55 Thames News (6070394)

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Mallett makes his own comics (4122077) 5.10 Blockbusters, Bob Holness hosts the teenage quiz (6871874) 5.40 ITN News. (Oracle) Weather (114435)

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7.00 Wish You Were Here . ? The holiday magazine reports from Egypt and Austria and looks at an activity break in the Peak District. (Oracle) (s) (8042)

7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle) (313)
8.00 No Job For a Lady: A Bed for the Night. Good humoured and often perceptive cornedy starring Penelope Keith as a Labour MP, here campaigning for the homeless. (Oracle) (s) (9990)
8.30 World in Action: The Last Blockade

 CHOICE: The heroes of this report from Sarawak are the Penan tribe, the only nomacic hunter-gatherers outside the American continent. The villains are giant logging companies who are destroying the rain forest which the Penan inhabit, it is a classic tale of first world exploitation versus third world survival, in which money talks. An independent report has said that logging must be cut by half for the forest to survive. The Malaysian government, which benefits from logging to the tune of \$2 million a year, refuses to comply. It also refused permission for World in Action to film. The camera crew pressed on regardless, bringing back vivid footage of the tribe preparing to resist the loggers with spears and blow pipes. Much of the timber makes its way to Japan, which regards its own trees as too precious to cut down (3597)



A ripping yarn: Michael Caine as the police inspector (9.00pm) 9.00 Jack the Ripper. Speculative semi-fictional drama about the serial killer who terrorised Victorian London, Inspector Michael Caine heads the investigation, Continues after the news (r) (6394)

(961955) 10.40 Jack the Ripper. The murders continue, and begin again tomorrow at 9pm (123023)
11.35 Magnum: LA. Tom Selleck as the Hawaiian-based detective in the

10.00 News at Ten. (Oracle) Weather (44482) 10.30 Thames News

first of a two-part story (434936)

12.30 Sportsworld Extra. The US Skins golf tournament in Palm Springs, California, and football from the Barctays League (95612) 1.30 Film: The Last Wagon (1956). Well-handled western about the survivors of a wagon train massacre who trust their lives to suspected murderer Richard Widmark. Directed by Delmer Daves

3.30 American College Football (83917)
4.30 Stage 1 featuring Billy Bragg (s) (31578)
5.30 ITN Morning News (57085). Ends at 6.00

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6.00 Channel 4 Daily (6709416) 9.25 Schools (42538482)

12.00 Right to Reply with Sheena McDonald (r). (Teletext) (s) (94905) 12.30 Business Dally with Susannah Simons (26706) 1.00 Sessme Street. The guest is Whoopi Goldberg (14961) 2.00 Film: A Cry from the Streets (1958, b/w). Well-meaning cornecty crama starring Max Bygraves as a radio mechanic who is enlisted by welfare officer Barbara Murray to help in her work with deprived children in London. Directed by Lewis Gilbert (302597)
3.50 Pete Smith Specialities: Ski Birds (1939, b/w). Short film

charting the history of skiing (8421481) 4.00 How Does Your Garden Grow? The Naylors garden in Dublin (r).

(Teletext) (482) 4.30 Countdown. Richard Whiteley hosts the words and numbers

game (s) (226) 5.00 The Late Late Show. Gay Syme hosts Dublin's talk show (5955)

6.00 The Coaby Show: Theogate. The Huxtable family puts Theo (Malcolm Jamai Warner) on trial (r) (619)
6.30 Tonight with Jonathan Ross (s) (771)

7.00 Channel 4 News and weather (574145) 7.50 Comment (692139)

8.00 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (8232) 8.30 Desmand's: Dobbin. Rezor-sharp comedy set in a barbershop. (Teletext) (s) (1139)



Ten years on: blacking up for Falkland hostilities (9.00pm)

9.00 The Falkiands War. The Unnecessary War CHOICE: The tenth anniversary of the Falklands conflict is marked by this forthright revaluation which promises to upset the authorised version at several crucial points. It claims to remany senior British commanders were opposed to the action, that the British campaign was marred by rivalry and poor planning and that luck rather than military skill prevented a British dis Tonight's episode, tracing the background to hostilities, highlights two other themes. One is how the opposition of the tiny band of Falklanders prevented what many believed to be a sensible solution, of ceding the islands to Argentina under a lease-back agreement. The other is that the war would have been unnecessary if the Thatcher government had read the warning signals from Argentina. Not surprisingly the main proponent of this view is Lord Callaghan, who as prime minister headed off a previous Argentinian threat in 1977. (Teletext) (4936) thirtysomething: Fighting the Cold. American drama series about a group of friends in their thirties (11142690)

age: Sidet -- Forced Exile. The courageous struggle to find a new identity by three African women refugees 12.05am Tonight with Jonathan Ross (r) (990530)

12.40 The Missing Reel. Drama-documentary which examines claims that Augustin LePrince and not Thomas Edison invented the first moving picture camera (r) (3950172). Ends at 2.00

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tuo volto, Flinaldo, Act i: Trio Sonata in B flat, Op 5 No 7;

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Wind of Change. Anthony Howard looks back at Harold MacMillan's famous speech in

Sport 8.35 The Week on 4 8.43 Great Political Speeches: The

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Natural history quiz
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Esther.
Second of two episodes read by Eleanor Brown
10.30 Woman's Hour

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OCHOICE: Last week saw Woman's Hour get an evening repeat. So the timing couldn't be more propitious for today's sunching of Woman's Hour's week-long breast cancer campaign — radio's most ambitious attempt to focus attention on a disease that arrayally claims 15,000 lives in Riftein. Some of the country's

Britain, Some of the country's

leading breast cancer experts will give the latest information about the prevention,

disease, and there is a free, national, and confidential help-

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who have achieved eminence and success in Britain. In the

third programme he meets Jatinder Verma, Artistic Director of Tara Arts, Britain's leading Asian theatre

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Revolution of Little Girls by
Blanche McCrory (s)
4.45 Short Story: Leaving Doyle's
Cross. Written by Frank Ronan
5.00 PM

6.00 News
6.30 Just a Minutel: Nicholas
Parsons hosts the fastthinking, fast-taking quiz (s)

7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme (FM only): Whose interests should the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food represent? The farmers, consumer or food interests? (A)

The farmers, consumer or tood industry? (r)
7.50 Treasure Islands (FM only)
7.20 Woman's Hour (LW only):
Revised repeat from 10.30am
8.00 The Monday Play: Pygmies in the Ruins. Ron Hutchinson's play set simultaneously in Belfast of 1991 and 1871 (s)
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SKY ONE

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SKY MOVIES+ Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites

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4.00 Catch Me if You Cain (1989): Drag-racing action (6049) 6.00 The Death Of The Incredible Hulk (1990): The Hulk has had enough of himself but then something urgent crops out (94145) 8.00 National Lampoon's Vacation (1983). Wacky holidays (47495416) 9.40 UK Top 10 (644394) 10.00 Patti Rocks (1989) Road movie (80481)

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FM Stereo and MW 4.00am Gary King (FM only) 6.00 Simon Mayo 9.00 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davies Says Ner's Do Lunch 3.00 Steve Winght in the Afternoon 5.30 News 92 6.00 Jakk Brambles 7.30 News Section 9.00 Out on Blue So: with Mark Radicifie 10.00 Nicky Campbell Goes into the hight 12.00 Bob Harra (FM only)

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PADIO 5

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Press Review in German 5.00 Morgenmagazin
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EUROSPORT

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Swingle Singeral: Rewetholne (Ballede; Four Bagetelles: John Clegg, piano). Rachmeninov (Symphony No 3 in A minor: Concertgebouse Orchestra under Vladimir Ashkenezy) 11.45 Northern Sintonia under Norment Smoote United director end solost Ton Koopmen: Heydin (Symphony No 99 in E fiall); C.P.E. Bach (Herpsichond Concerto in A. Wq 28); Miozert (Symphony No 39 in E fiat, K 543) 1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert:

Rephael Ensemble five from St. John's, Smith Square, London, Strauss (Sextet, Capraccio), Bratima (Sextet No. 1 in B flat, Op 18) 2.05 Third Opinion (r) 2.50 Dvoršk: BBC Welsh SD under

Mertin Turnovsky plays Overture, in Nature's Regim, Op 91; The Wild Dove, Op 110 (7) 3.25 King's Lynn Festival 1991: Alistry String Quartet plays Ramer (Quartet, No 2); Totallovsky (Quartet, No 2); Totallovsky

11.35 Composers of the Week. (Quartet No.1 in D, Op 11) (1 Op 11 (r)-2.25 am Night School (FM only) (except in Scotland) (r) of 3) 4.40 Gillian Weir at Duriblane Cathedral: Mutlat (Toccata 1.00-2.25

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film critic of New Yorker, talks to Philip French 7.30 EBU Concert from Copenhagen: The Denish National Radio Choir and the Denish National RSO under Dmitri Kitalenko perform live from the Concert Hall of Denish Radio with Eva Johansson, soprano; Kirsten

Duodecima: Ciacona in G):

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Substitute (www scutum, Bux - leuchtet der Morgenstern, Bux WV 223); Bach (Partita, Christ, der du bist der helle Tag; BWV 780); Bruhns (Prelude and Rugue in Eminor) Meinty for Pleasure

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7.05 Third Far: Pauline Kael, retired

Dolberg, mezzo; Boye Skovhus, baritone: Niels Gade (Drematic cantate, Elverskud); Ravel (Depfinis et Chloé) 9.40 Manuscripts don't Burn

OCHOCE: The indestructibility of the written word is rere than the survival of ideals and there can't be un research und carried many eximples of the former more remarkable then the one recounted hought by the historian John Kiler. When the Jewiteh scholar and historian Jewish scripe and seasoned Jose Lieberberg was executed by Soviet secret police in 1937, proises were given to burn his vast collection of books and manuscripts memorialising the cultural hemage of East European

Jewry, They weren't burnt. Thirteen years tater, they agen survived a destruction order, through their egan autwer a destruction order, though their custodians were all shot. Klier has seen the Lieberberg collection. The effect on him can be imagined 10.00 The Outside in Festival: The first of the programmes from 1007 feeting feet of the

lestival held at the wth Centre, Crawley. Composers of the rest.

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Nos 2 and 3; Jeg staker dig,
Op 5 No 3; Violin Soneta No
in F, Op 8; Funeral March in Memory of Pilicard Nordmak: Efterarsstomen, Op 16 No 4; Concert Overture, in Autumn,

John Howard 12.25pm My Music: Steve Race chairs the

panel game played by John Amis and Frank Muir, lan Wallace and Denis Norden (s) 1.00 The World at One 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping 2.00 News; A Day by the Sea: N.C. Hunger's 1953 play

Poetry Society. Starring Tony Hancock (r) 11.30 Today in Parliament 12.00 News 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 FM closes/LW joins World

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Freeman dictates an apology to all typists

ARE you a typist? Have you always longed to have a senior government minister apologise to you? Your luck is in. Pop along to the Department of Transport at 2 Marsham Street, Westminster, collar Roger Freeman, minister for public transport. on his way into the office, and wait for him to say sorry.

A repentant Mr Freeman yesterday promised to apologise to all typists he meets



Freeman: off the line with a signal blunder

Police issue fog warning

Continued from page 1 gow city centre resembled a "thick pea soup". Flights to Glasgow airport were diverted to Edinburgh.

London Weather Centre said that frost was likely over England, Wales and southern Scotland, together with dense freezing fog patches. Fog will persist all day in places, becoming more widespread again after dark. Weather patterns are stay-

ing virtually the same, despite gloomy predictions about the effects of global warming, according to measurements from a century-old raingauge. The gauge, at Otterbourne. Hampshire, has recorded an average 797 mm 100 years.

The two wettest years were 1951, and the driest 1921 and 1973. The dry summers of 1976 and 1989 do not feature because the rainfall totals for those years were boosted by wet months.

today. He wants to make amends for his gaffe in suggesting on television that commercial operators who take over the rail network after British Rail is privatised could lay on "cheap and cheerful" trains for lowly typists, while civil servants and businessmen travel in style.

Mr Freeman's idea was that running "low fare, high density" commuter services could be attractive for commercial railway operators. The remark pleased nobody. Typists were furious at being classed as fit only for cattle class. Civil servants and businessmen were unhappy because, although they look forward to an improved rail service, Mr Freeman's outburst left it unclear whether the new Typist Class car-riages will be on a par with current British Rail standards. That would at least promise a better train service or non-typists in future.

But if today's haphazard standards of service and reliability on British Rail are to be the benchmark for Mr Freeman's Top Persons' trains, then civil servants and businessmen will still weep every morning into their Traveller's Fare Tea-Style Hot Liquid Beverage, even after BR is privatised. And typists would do better to travel to work by wheelbarrow.

Mr Freeman, now contorted into that appealing pose of The Politician Who Made A Blunder And Is Squirming To Extricate Himself, said yesterday: "I regret the phrases I used. They were clearly capable of misinterpretation. In no way do I think that typists are second class and I am going to apologise to all the typists I come into contact with on

Monday. But he said he stood by the principle of price competition on the railways, which would be similar to the pricing systems on airlines, but added there was to be two-tier, classconscious services.

An airline-style train service would, of course, be a far more comprehensible concept to British Rail travellers, who are quite used to long. waits in departure areas.





Freeze prices: protesters yesterday show poster of Lenin, and a mocking one of Yeltsin wishing "a happy new year: life is getting better"

Moscow shuns pro-communist protest

FROM MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

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SEVERAL thousand Muscovites turned out yesterday to demonstrate against the freeing of retail prices, a move which has raised most prices several times over without appreciably improving supplies. Reports from elsewhere in Russia indicate, however, that the government's gamble on market reforms has not met the resistance many feared and in some places, the new prices are already being reduced in the face of protests.

The Moscow demonstration had the combined purpose of opposing price rises and calling for the revival of the banned Communist party and

the restoration of Soviet power. As with previous attempts by conservatives to harness popular discontent against economic reform, however, it attracted far fewer people than the organisers had hoped. Last year's democratic protests attracted up to 300,000, while yesterday 10,000 at most turned out. Others may have been deterred by driving snow.

In one suburb of Moscow, an estimated 1,000 people blocked one of the city's main arteries to protest against continuing milk shortages. These are explained by a combination of inadequate transport facilities, an unofficial blockade of the city by rural producers, and a shortage of fodder for cows which has reduced

yields. In towns around Moscow there is no shortage of milk, but customers must bring their own pails because of the shortage of bottles.

Evidence to support the view that opposition to the January 2 price increases has been less than feared came also from Chelyabinsk, a large industrial city in the Urals which has seen food protests in the past, and from the Russian president's recent tour of cities on the Volga.

From Chelyabinsk Tass reported that barely 1,000 people had joined a protest demonstration against the price increases on Saturday. Factory workers in Nizhni Novgorod (formerly Gorky) were said to have expressed support for the Russian government.

headed by Boris Yeltsin, during a visit by the president at the end of

Although there were complaints and heckling, not just in Nizhni Novgorod, but also in Saratov and Ulyanovsk — the other two stops on his tour - there were no mass protests. Aides who returned reported public understanding of the need for the price rises and continued confidence in Mr Yeltsin, who became the first popularly elected republic leader in the Soviet Union last June. This week President Yeltsin will visit Bryansk, one of the places worst affected by the nuclear failout from Chernobyl, and St Petersburg, in a further at-tempt to gauge the public mood.

coast of Scotland, has been anxiously awaiting results of an investigation into the reported disappearance of 10 kilograms of the uranium by

a team from his department. Yesterday, the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority (UKAEA) said that the report had been completed and was likely to be delivered today. What it will say is anybody's guess, but it was made clear yesterday that firstly, the uranium is not being held by a terrorist, and, secondly, that the inside of

Alert on

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By KERRY GILL

A HUNT for highly enriched uranium, which has resulted in a partial shutdown of the nuclear reprocessing plant at Dounreay since early last month, may be a mystery that never was. John Wakeham,

the energy secretary, is ex-pected to be told this week that the fuel never disap-

Mr Wakeham, like thou-

sands of people living near

the plant on the northern

peared in the first place.

Dounreay is safe. That left the possibility of the affair being the result of an accountancy error. One newspaper claimed that a computer fouled up and that the uranium was never lost. It is always tricky searching for something that may not exist.

The UKAEA could not, or would not, give any further clue. "From our investiga-tions, we found no security implications, it was not taken off the site and there was no safety hazard involved," a spokesman said. Yes, but did exist? The spokesman repeated the team's initial findngs; but said that anything more would be speculation.

Dounreay's uranium recovery plant is still out of action following the disappearance. The authority said that it would remain so until Mr Wakeham had seen the report. He is likely to make a statement on the utanium in the Commons within the next two weeks, which, it must be hoped, will end the mystery. The UKAEA said that it

could not comment on a report that it was losing up to £100,000 a day because of the partial shutdown.

ing plant takes spent fuel from the prototype fast reactor and separates it into plutonium, uranium and highly active waste. The disappearance of enriched uranium has been described as outrageous

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Wakeham warns Ashdown's supporters to exercise their vote. They

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and Maldon, John Wakeham, the energy secretary and Tory party cam-paign co-ordinator, described Labour and Liberals as twin brothers. The key difference was that Labour still believed it had an outside chance of winning the election but the was eventually to replace Labour as the main opposition to the Tory party.

Mr Wakeham added: "Liberals everywhere must therefore make a crucial decision over the coming months about how most responsibly can decide to stick with the SLD, risk letting Labour in through the back door and consigning their own party to generations in the wilderness. Or they can come over to the Conservatives, ensure the final defeat of socialism, and then set out to fill the void of

Labour abdicated in the last decade. Mr Wakeham said the choice facing Liberal Democrats was between endless onposition on the fringes of politics or a chance, one day,

to become real pretenders for

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principled opposition on the left of British politics that

power. "I urge them all - and especially those who value the defence of our nation - to back John Major at the polls, whenever the election Mr Patten, the party chair-

man, launched a pamphlet, The Liberal Democrats: The Politics of Failure, by asserting that a vote for the Liberal Labour. He said Mr Ashdown and his lieutenants would be tripping over themselves to put Mr Kinnock into No 10 in the event of a hung parliament. "If you vote Liberal Democrat you won't

get a Liberal Democrat gov-

ernment. But you may get a Labour government," he

The pamphlet criticises Mr Ashdown personally for his allegedly left-wing views. "Mr Ashdown's overall record illustrates that he is on the left in British politics and would almost certainly side with Labour in the unlikely event

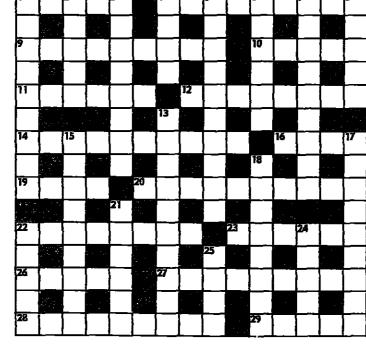
His past history as a leftwinger -- and his dogged opposition to Conservative economic reforms — make him deeply unconvincing as a proponent of free market economics and competition." In the Disraeli lecture toplanning to contrast the philosophical attitudes of the Conservatives and Labour, stressing that there was a "real choice" facing voters in the election, • Ladbroke's quote Labour

as favourities to win the most seats at the next election for the first time since 1974. The takings in recent days, including one punter placing £4,000 on a hung parliament

> Unionist terms, page 3 Diary, page 14 | been described as out Peter Riddell, page 14 | by environmentalists.

> > MODERATE

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,813



ACROSS

- I it can change an old buffoon (5). 4 Stiffening, bend over in pain (9). Average lot, yet outstanding (9).
- a wanderer (5). 11 Made a home for a good man in straitened circumstances (6). 12 Situation vacant - write without obligation (4-4).
- 16 Wooden Greek character given quarters (4). 19 Feel jealous of a minister who
- 20 Loyalty to a certain party for instance admitted by a union 22 Acidity a medico can dry out (8).
- 23 Jack's water-spaniel? (3-3). 26 A woman's fate (5).

lacks nothing (4).

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The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 18,812 will appear next Saturday. The 5 winners will receive a Duofold fountain pen supplied by Parker

- 27 Totally without vitality for a time - in an awful state (9).
- 28 Temperate land mass (9). 29 Back authoritarian (5).

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- 2 Grows weary, but tries anyhow 3 Thousands have to drive around in traffic (8).
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- 7 The fashionable form? Quite the reverse! (9). 8 A common plant in Hong Kong
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- 17 16 is always concerned about the environment (9). 18 A number of bonds are for a ten-
- year period (8). 21 A country road circumventing a regulation (6).
- 22 Mirror showing Bohemian girl with large figure (5). 24 This is an Elizabethan bowler. 25 Catch up a bit (4).

Concise crossword, page 17

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which definit are correct? By Philip Howard SPORTICALS STABLEFORD

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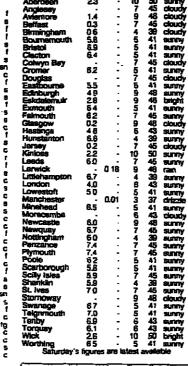
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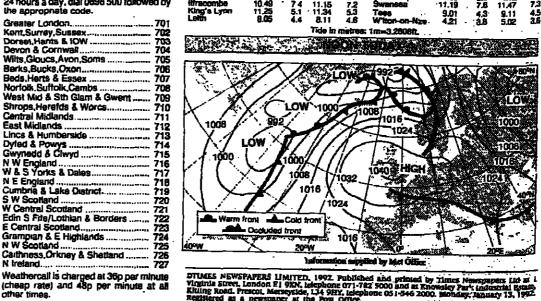
Widespread frost and dense freezing fog is likely over England, Wales and southern Scotland, clearing slowly in many areas and persisting all day in places before becoming more widespread again after dark. It will remain dry with a few sunny intervals. A cloudy day over Northern Ireland and northern parts of Scotland, although a few brighter spells are likely. Outlook dry with sunny intervals but overnight fog and frost lingering in places. ABROAD THE STREET PROPERTY AND ADDRESS. MIDDAY: 1-thunder: d-drizzle; fg-log; s-si 62



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MAN OF THE WEEK

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much smoother than Don Mc-Crickard, the silverusired chief executive of TSB group. Always crisply turned out, the man, who put the slogan "that will do nicely," into American Express speaks in the carefully modulated tones of an international marketing executive. If there is any doubt left, his line in lilec shirts and Italian shoes. confirm he is not someone who was born or bred in Lombard Street.

e will need every softly-spoken charm when TSB reveals its full-year figures on Thursday. After plunging to a £150 million loss at the halfway stage, fur-ther had news is expected. It remains to be seen how well the City takes any forecasts of better times ahead. It is not what Mr McCrickard can have hoped for when he was made chief executive two years ago. But experience is on his side. Born on Christmas Day 1936, Mr McCrickard cut his business teeth



McCrickard: tough

behind the counter of his parents' corner shop near, Brighton, An. only child, he was educated at Hove Grammar School, joining the air force at 18 and later taking an economics degree in Malaya. His first job at Procter & Gamble lasted was recruited into advertising handling the Volkswagon account. worldwide. But it was at American Express that he earned his reputation as a tough guy and the nickname Don McCre-diteard.

A keen sports fan, Mr McCrickard took up skiing three years ago and works out at his Belgra-via mews house with a personal trainer twice a week. Last year, he got married for the second time, to Angela Fuentes, the former head of the British Association of Gastronomes.

r McCrickard loves to so-loves to so-an eclectic list of contacts including Sir Peter Imbert, the police commissioner, and Bryan Gould, the shadow environment secretary. It is just as well. In the year ahead, he and Sir Nicholas Goodison, the chairman of TSB, could well need a little help from

> Judi Bevan Week ahead, page 22

THE POUND

CHANGE ON WEEK

US dollar 1.8055 (-0.0465) German mark 2.8386 (-0.0181) Exchange index

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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share 1874.2 (-27.2) FT-SE 100 2477.9 (-26.2) New York Dow.Jones 3199.46 (-2.02) Tokyo Nikkei Avge 22381.90 (n/a)

Protests grow over sale of Tees trust port assets

THE troubled sale of Britain's trust ports faces tresh difficulties as protests grow over the decision of the Tees & Hartlepool Port Authority to sell its assets to Teesside Holdings.

Maritime Transport Services (MTS), which topped Teesside's £180 million bid by £22 million; has joined members of the rival employee consortium and Teesside members of Parliament in urging the Makolm Rifkind, the transport secretary, to hold an urgent review of the sale

MTS, which runs the Isle of Grain container jerminal in Kent, said it offered more shares for the workforce than the selected bidder. MTS believes it was unreasonable to accept a lower bid on the basis of Teesside's business plan, which could subsequently be changed. Mr Rifkind has assured Partiament that the selection process for the sale was properly

conducted, and indicated that he was "minded" to accept the recommendation of the port authority. However, the storm caused by the Tees authority's decision to accept neither the employee offer nor the highest bid is overshadowing efforts to sell three other trust ports: Medway, Tilbury and Clyde.

The decision by British Steel to close the Ravenscraig steel works at Motherwell has compounded the difficulties faced by bidders for the Clyde Port Authority's assets.

Would-be buyers of Clyde were required to file their preliminary bids by Friday. However, the impending loss of business at British Steel's Hunterston ore importing terminal is expected to sharply reduce Clyde's annual revenues of £12 million. The Clyde port will also lose the business of exporting much of Ravenscraig's output, with an overall reduction in revenues estimated at £4.4 million.

In addition, it has emerged that the transport department is still negotiating with the Port of London Authority (PLA) in an effort to recover the proceeds which will accrue from the sale of Tilbury, Britain's largest trust port.

Because the PLA will remain in existence, the proceeds of the Tilbury sale will go into its coffers. Half the proceeds from the other port sales goes to the Treasury, the balance to the new port company. However, the transport department is apparently seeking to recover the cash from Tilbury by demanding the subsequent repayment of part of £147 million of government loans to the port.

Tilbury had revenues of E51 million in the year to December 1990, largely from the import and export of forest products and grain. and from cruise liners to the Baltic. Tilbury made an operating profit of £3.7 million in 1990, the first year in which it was freed from the strictures of the dock labour scheme.

Many of the port's 900 employees have indi-cated their willingness to invest in the management and employee buyout group which is bidding for the port under the leadership of John McNabb, Tilbury's chief executive.

At Medway, MTS is bidding against an employee consortium, but it remains unclear whether any of the other six groups interested in the port have submitted preliminary offers.

Young and old hit hardest by iob losses

BY PHILIP BASSETT INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

RISING unemployment is hitting the youngest and the oldest workers hardest, according to the latest monthly analysis by The Times of the number of jobless people in Britain.

The markedly different im-

pact of unmeployment on the young, and to a lesser extent those aged over 60, comes as ministers are braced for a 30,000 December rise in the 2.5 million jobless in figures to be published on Thursday. Looking at unadjusted unemployment totals (the actual number of people out of work) broken down by age, unemployment among 18 to 19year-olds rose 59.2 per cent between April 1990 and Oc-tober 1991. Over the same period, total unemployment

for all ages rose 49.2 per cent. The increase for workers aged 60 and over was even higher, at 67.8 per cent, but this was pushed up by a 69 per cent increase among men, while the number of 60 plus women losing jobs fell 16.7 per cent over the period. Among the youngest, rising unemployment over the per-iod has hit men harder, with a 62 per cent increase. against 54.6 per cent for 18-19 year-old women. However, more recent analysis shows the position reversing. with the rate of rise for young

women growing more quickly than that for young men. When the next age band, of young people aged 20-24, is taken into account, the rise in unemployment is concentrated even more among them. Over the period since the number out of work started to rise again, unemployment for this age group has gone up

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Though the rise in unemployment has been fastest among the young, it is highest as a proportion of the jobless total among 20-to-24 year-olds, who form 21.6 per cent of the unemployed, and among people in their thirties, who form 21 per cent. ☐ Britain is at the bottom of the jobs league table, with the worst jobs record of any European Community or Group of Seven country, the Labour party says today. In its analysis of international job comansons, Labour between the second quarters of 1990 and 1991 Britain lost 706,000 jobs while Germany increased jobs by 637,000, Italy by 300,000 and France by 201,000.

Barlow denies boardroom split over decision to withdraw

Pearson pulls out of MGN bid

AND COLIN CAMPBELL

PROSPECTS for the sale of the whole of Mirror Group Newspapers in the near future have receded after the most favoured buyer dropped out of the bidding blaming massive liabilities associated with the group.

A statement by Pearson, the owner of the Financial Times, which appears on Stock Exchange screens this morning says that after study-ing "available information on MGN's financial affairs", it had little choice but to drop its acquisition plans.
MGN directors meet their

bankers today to ensure that agreements to supply operating finds, which expire this month, are secured until May. Liabilities at MGN are understood to total at least E840 million.

The late Robert Maxwell plundered £400 million from the pension fund and a further El00 million of MGN's investment funds. Debt, meanwhile, stands at £340. million. There are also fears that more liabilities will be discovered in the course of the multiple investigations by the Serious Franci Office.

Pearson, which announced its plans to bid for the six MGN titles a month ago, has become the second prospec-tive buyer to pull out blaming the numbers. Tiny Row land's Lonnho, owner of the Observer, dropped out of the race two weeks after entering it, blaming its decision on "the black hole".

Pearson's decision, taken at a board meeting on Friday. leaves the management buy-





Turning his back on the Daily Mirror: Frank Barlow, head of Pearson, which withdrew from bidding after studying MGN's finances

editor of the Daily Mirror, and backed by Electra, the venture capitalists, with no apparent competition.

A spokesman for the MBO said the announcement of Pearson's pullout was "not entirely unexpected". He added: "We believe it to be the right decision for Pearson, and remain confident that the right conclusion for the Daily Mirror is a management buyout. That view seems to be gaining ground".

Pearson might be tempted back if the administrators wrote off a significant part of the lightlities and asked them back. It is understood that out, led by Richard Stott, Pearson became highly frustrated in its efforts to prise information out of Arthur Andersen, administrator to the private Maxwell family businesses. Pearson approached Ernest Burrington, the chairman of MGN, and asked if Lazards, its merchant bank, could be furnished with the numbers direct. The answer was yes and Pearson did

not like what it found. Frank Barlow, Pearson's managing director, said yesterday: "In light of the information now available, we have decided not to pursue the acquisition. It looks like there will be no more solid information until MGN ac-

end of February or early March. That would have left us hanging about for a long

Mr Barlow strongly denied speculation that Lord Blakenham, Pearson's chairman, and James Joll, its finance director, had intervened to stop the deal. Several reports have suggested there was a boardroom split between Mr Barlow and Lord Blakenham, but yesterday Mr Barlow dismissed it as "pure twaddle". He said: "I was the one who proposed we should not carry on. The liabilities are too great, and

still unknown." Pearson said it made its Exchange "on the evening of Friday, January 10," adding that in the normal course of events the announcement would have been released to the stock market this

announcement to the Stock

"In the light of comments in today's press it seems sensible to make it available today The full announcement from Pearson reads: "After

careful consideration of the available information on Mirror Group Newspapers' financial affairs, the board has decided not to pursue the acquisition".

The Daily Mirror contin-

of accounts, has yet to be drawn up, making an eventual sale of the Daily Mirror unlikely for at least six □ Television viewers will be able to see Ian and Kevin Maxwell questioned live in

called last month.

the House of Commons today over the money missing from the pension funds of their father's companies. The brothers have been ordered to appear before the social security select committee after. having failed to attend when

ues to secure advertising and

continues to be published. A

detailed memorandum of

sale, which relies on a full set

counts are published at the EC sees chance of Vestey debt will be rescheduled

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

Vestey family-owned Dewhurst butchers to agro-business chain, should win breathing space from its lending banks this week when debts totalling £350 million are formally rescheduled.

Negotiations between Union and a nine-bank steering group that started last October, when group debts totalled £423 million, have been crystalised. The agreement is understood to involve a three-year standstill on outstanding debt, and a fresh capital injection from the Vestey family.

The debt breakthrough will give Terry Robinson, who was appointed to the new post

UNION International, the of chief executive last Tuesday, a stronger platform from which to implement urgently needed financial restructuring plans.

Union made profits of £12.5 million in the 1990 financial year, but because of heavy property writedowns and adverse currency movements is likely to have plunged into losses in 1991.

The nine-bank steering group, led by Lloyds, found that though Union was rich in assets, the flow of profits was uneven. The alternative to debt rescheduling might have been extensive asset sales among the 1,000 Dewhurst butchers' shops and other worldwide operations.

April Gatt deal

By COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

ty's demand for "substantial improvements and essential modifications" to a draft agreement on freer world trade is intended to cover a climbdown over the key issue of agricultural support, according to trade officials.

Trade and farm ministers agreed in Brussels on the call for modifications to the draft put forward before Christmas by Arthur Dunkel, director general of the Ganeral Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. But the ministers also called for a "rapid conclusion" to the round. Comments from Ray MacSharry, the agriculture commissioner, suggested Mr Dunkel's mid-April dead-

THE European Communi- line for conclusion is considered by the commission to be achievable.

The softer EC stance reflects mounting pressure by an alliance around Britain and Germany that believes the confidence and growth a Gatt accord will fuel far outweighs any benefits from continuing to block progress on farm subsidies. Mr Dunkel said on Friday he does not see much scope for changing his draft without risking the whole package. President Bush is expected to seek the political and economic benefits of a world trade accord.

Leading article, page 15 Promoting benefits, page 23

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FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

A EUROPEAN future is being planned for Variety, America's trade bible of the entertainment industry. known best for its brusque, almost untranslatable, headlines. However, those at next month's Berlin Film Festival, where a new section of the paper for the continent will be taunched, may have some difficulty with screamers like

Stix Nix Hix Pix". Variety Europe will start as a special insert for the 35,000 circulation weekly edition, but Peter Bart, the editorial director, says it is expected to grow into a separate European publication. An Asian edition is also

planned. Mr Bart said: "Europe is becoming a much more im-



Heading for Europe: Variety to launch in Berlin

portant part of the world entertainment industry and we must meet that." It is estimated that the income generated by the entertainment industry will rise from \$200 billion now to \$377 billion by the end of the decade. Two out of every three dollars of the increase will be generat-

ed outside America. Variety, bought by Reed In-ternational in 1987, believes the new section will attract 32,000 new readers within two years. Variety claims each magazine has between

three and four readers, roughly double the industry average, to make a readership of 118,000. Analysts say that apart from a lack of real competier Beware". tion, readers are attracted by the magazine's idiosyncratic

described by Mr Bart as slanguage - a cross between English and slang. Among its most famous headlines. "Stix Nix Hix Pix" ran over a story reporting how audiences in suburban and nural areas were reject-

style and use of language,

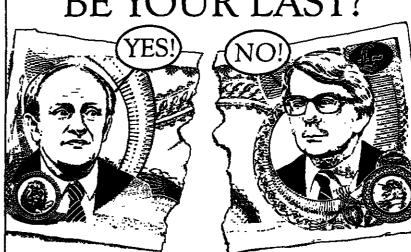
ing some of the movie block-busters of the time. When Warner Brothers agreed a merger with Time magazines for almost \$14 billion, the front page headline read: "There's no Bigness like Show Bigness".

Above the lead story of the

\$6.2 billion purchase of MCA and Universal studios by Matsushita Electric Industrial Company, of Japan. ran the banner headline in untranslated Japanese "Buy-

Advertising revenue rose 14 per cent last year, when the recession cut income at other magazines, forcing some to close. At 2,000, its UK circulation is the largest single market in Europe, where circulation totals 5,000. The magazine has been available in Britain

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Guidelines set for top pay awards

By Philip Bassett, industrial editor

COMPANIES should show that due regard is given to shareholders' and employees' interests and the company's commercial and financial health when setting senior executives' pay rises, according to guidelines published today on behalf of non-executive company directors.

The role of non-executive directors has come under scrutiny in recent arguments over pay rises given to senior managers, especially those in newly privatised companies.

ProNed, which promotes the work of non-executive directors, describes the guidelines over top pay in the private sector as "hard-hit-

Chambers urge tax reforms

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE government should reform advance corporation tax in the Budget, according to the chambers of commerce.

The Association of British Chambers of Commerce recommends that the £8.500 threshold as a base for taxable expenses should be raised to the same level as the

higher rate tax threshold. The association also calls for the removal of the 25 per cent restriction on the amount of taxable profits that can be set against advance corporation tax and urges the abolition of inheritance tax. ☐ The Confederation of British Industry is to investigate ways of speeding up and improving planning decisions.

ting". Following a survey last month of the top 100 companies, which showed that 86 per cent have a remuneration committee for top rises, but that only 56 per cent of those committees were made up of non-executive directors. Pro-Ned says all companies should have such committees to set pay and that they be made up only of

independent non-executives. Details of the committees' pay policies, including the separation of salary and bonus elements of remuneration packages, and an explanation of the principles on which performance payments or bonuses are made, should be published in com-

pany annual reports. ProNed says: "Securing the legitimacy of the awards given to Britain's top businessmen is essential if the boards of companies listed on the London Stock Exchange are to command respect."

Meanwhile, the Campaign for Work pressure group in a report says that more closely co-ordinated pay bargaining is possible within Britain's decentralised private sector economy without the full syn-

chronisation of pay setting. The group, together with some academics, Labour and trade union leaders, and with the interest of senior government figures, is pressing for greater co-ordination of pay în Britain. Some believe such co-ordination would help cut unemployment.

The report says that a number of elements of pay setting, including the going rate, consultation between companies and the desire of pay setters not to be knowingly adrift of others, all run with the grain of the proposal for greater pay

Defining the lead role at Ratners

James McAdam must prove he is running the show at Ratners to find City favour, says Gillian Bowditch

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s Ratners Group starts 1992 with two executives at the helm, the City is speculating what Gerald Ramer's role will be in the company that bears his

The revelations last week that the group would incur a £72 million loss in the current year, including £45 million of exceptional charges, were in-terpreted by the City as "kitchen sink" accounting. James McAdam, the new chairman, will start the financial year on February 2 with a

clean slate, they say.

Ratners Group's American preference shareholders will learn on Wednesday whether or not they will receive the dividend payment due on their shares. The group, which has said it will pay no dividend on the ordinary shares, is widely expected to waive the payment.

However, it is Mr Ratner's role in the company, which was once his family business, that is concentrating the minds of analysts. To satisfy the institutional shareholders, Mr McAdam will have to prove he is at the helm. That much he knows.

Of his new job, he says: "It's going to be pretty demand-ing, time wise. I will be in here every day. I will be tackling the financial issues, looking at the organisation and the structure. That will leave Gerald much freer to do what he is good at - running the commercial side of the busi-

Mr McAdam admits to knowing nothing about the jewellery market but is at pains to point out his retailing experience, which includes forming Country Ca-suals and being involved with the management of Jaeger for Coats Viyelia.

The City will also want to see a frank approach to the



Gerald Ratner, the chief executive, constantly on his shoulder at Ratners

presentation of future accounts. Mr McAdam said: We want to be totally up front, and it is one of the things I'm very comfortable with. I think Ratners has handled its financial affairs very responsibly and uses its auditors and advisers properly. Its problem is a trading problem. I have no underlying worry about the integrity of the business."

He refuses to give a break-down of the £45 million of exceptional items except to say that much of the sum is due to provisions. With regard to the group's bankers, he says: "Discussions are

being held with the banks. I look forward to ongoing discussions. I've seen the banks. I have talked to them and I am happy that I will get their

here refinancing is concerned group appears to be comfortable within its facilities, at least until the autumn. Mr McAdam said: "We have facilities of about £450 million. Our needs depend on Christmas trade. The peak cash requirement is end of October. The Euro-convertible has been provided for. Beyond that, I can't say. We

have no need for more finance in the short term." Mr McAdam believes morale is good. He dismisses the gaffe made by Mr Ratner at the Institute of Directors conference in April as unimpor-tant. "There has been so much nonsense talked about the IOD speech. The recession is what has affected this business. The speech may have affected the Ratners stores but that has been minimal. I don't think it has affected the US or other parts of the business. The coverage it received has been unfair to

the organisation and unfair

to the individual".

BUSINESS HOUNDUP

Survey points to more economic gloom

BUSINESS confidence in Britain has started the new year with a whimper, pointing to further gloom in the short term and contradicting the government's hopes of an economic recovery. A survey by Dun & Bradstreet, the business information company, shows that confidence has continued to fall since September. Six out of ten of the 1,800 company to fall since September six out of ten of the 1,800 company. managing directors surveyed see no improvement in either sales or new orders, while eight out of ten will either be not recruiting staff or shedding them. Although the outlook for profits has improved, six out of ten still see no improvement in the short term. Philip Mellor, D&B's marketing manager, said: "Expectations for new sales and orders are still way below the levels of July 1990, at the onset of recession."

Gold-back bonds plan

THE former Soviet Union asked Japanese securities firms to underwrite and help it float gold-back bonds on the Tokyo and European financial markets, according to Yomiuri Shimbun, a Tokyo newspaper. Enquiries were expected to be brought up again now that the Commonwealth of Independent States had emerged to link former Soviet republics. The proposed issuance of bonds, which can be redeemed for gold or cash, is designed to secure hard currency while preventing a further outflow of gold reserves from the former superpower, the world's third largest gold producer.

Cluff cash call closes

CLUFF Resources' 11-for-20 rights issue at 34p a share to CLUFF Resources' 11-for-20 rights issue at 34p a starte to raise £8.3 million towards developing the Ayanfuri open pit gold mine in Gharia closes at 3 pm today. Cluff traded at 29p on Friday, and the take-up level is expected by tomorrow. The issue is underwritten by Kleinwort Benson Securities. Algy Cluff, chairman, said at the time of the November rights announcement that the payback period was expected to be 2.35 years, at a gold price of \$350 an ounce, and that average operating costs were likely in be £169 an ounce. average operating costs were likely to be \$169 an ounce.

Young leads trade visit

SIR George Young, the housing and planning minister, is leading a team of contractors, developers and planning specialists, to Germany this month in a determined attempt to win a large slice of the multi-billion pound reconstruction programme in what was East Germany. The ten-strong delegation, which will include Bovis, Laing Management, Wimpey, Ove Arup and Allott Lomax, the consultants, the Regalian group of companies and Stanhope Properties, will have its first meeting in Bonn on January 21.

Oil find is 'largest'

THE Philippine government and an American oil exploration company have located what they describe as the largest oil find in the South East Asian country. Commercial operations could begin in May. Alcorn International says a third well at the West Linapacan site off the western island of Palawan has produced 4,500 barrels a day, Alcorn expects between 15 and 20,000 bpd at three wells if operations start in May or lune. The site was said to held up to 100 million. in May or June. The site was said to hold up to 109 million barrels and the reserve could last up to 20 years.

Tebbit to present awards

NORMAN Tebbit, the former trade and industry secretary and Conservative party chairman, has agreed to the 1991 Coopers Deloitte Plc awards for smaller companies. sponsored in association with The Times.

Mr Tebbit will present the awards at a gala dinner at the Grosvenor House hotel in London on March 19.

The awards cover fully listed companies as well as those whose shares trade on the Unlisted Securities Market. They are open to com-panies with a market capitalisation of up to £185 million. will be presented in six categories - best performing share; best annual report; analyst of the year, new company of the year, for companies that went public in 1991: entrepreneur of the year, and

company of the year. Votes may now be cast in all categories except best per-forming share. A shortlist will be produced from which voting panel. The closing date is February 15. SMALL COMPANIES

Ipeco managing to sit comfortably

erely shaken by a sharp down-million made in 1990. the Gulf war, gradually regained confidence in the final months of 1991, although ambitions for growth have been scaled down until the recession loosens its grip.

New aircraft development and fleet upgrades have resumed and orders are again being placed with suppliers. Today. Ipeco Holdings, manufacturer of aviation and defence products, is expected to announce a contract to supply flight deck seats for the new Boeing 777.

Ipeco estimates the contract is worth \$14 million. The company, which is based at Southend, is one of the world's leading designers and manufacturers of aircraft crew seats.

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The Boeing contract will increase interest in the company's financial results for the year to December, when pretax profits are expected to remain almost unchanged at

THE airline industry, sev- £3.4 million, against the £3.5

was an 11 per cent fall in profits but the dividend was maintained at 1.2p a share. Analysts also expect the final dividend to be at least maintained at 2p, making an unchanged total of 3.2p for the

The aerospace division, which includes Ipeco Europe. the seat maker, has been largely unaffected by the difficulties of the airline industry. Earlier in the year, when the industry was viewed as being in deep trouble. Ipeco landed contracts from Saab and Mc-Donnell Douglas.

After the conclusion of the Gulf war, Ipeco's shares, which had traded unchanged at 55p in the opening eight weeks of the year, were rerated and have since been steady at about 75p in a tight market. The prospective p/e of 9.25 is not demanding and suggests further growth. MARTIN BARROW

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AN INCREASING number of graduates are turning to postgraduate qualifications to enhance their prospects, once the unturn in the economy has materialised. One such option is the master of business administration (MBA) degree.

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the 1992 MBA fair at the Business Design Centre, Islington, London, on February 6 and 7. This event, now in its second year, is organised by the London University careers advisory service with the association of MBAs. It has already attracted bookings from 39 business schools, including 20 from the United Kingdom, 12 from continental Europe and seven from America, the home of the

professional qualification for those wishing to improve lawyers or engineers, the the free hotline 0800 252183

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ARCHIE Norman, former Kingfisher finance director, who has barely spent a month at the helm of Asda Group, is expected to unveil gloomy first half figures when the troubled supermarket group reports on Wednesday.

Asda's interim pre-tax profits are expected to slump to £7.5 million (£60.8 million), says Paul Smiddy, at Kleinwort Benson, Market forecasts range from profits of £30 million to losses of £15 million. An interim dividend of 1.25p (1.85p) was promised by the debt-laden group at the time of last autumn's deeply-discounted £357 mil-lion rights issue.

The second quarter was poor for the industry, but Asda fared worse than others. In addition, fresh asset writedowns, largely on a declining property market, may accompany the figures.

The shares have declined to 28 up on Friday, against last year's high of 123p and the 35p rights price.

TODAY

A healthy advance in firsthalf profits is expected at Tomkins, the industrial conglomerate headed by Greg

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Asda could slump to just £7.5m

Slimmer profits menu: Archie Norman, of Asda

Hutchings and recently included in the FT-SE 100. UBS Phillips & Drew ex-

pects £44 million pre-tax profits, up from £31.1 million last time. P&D predicts earnings per share of 9p (8.2p) and an interim dividend of 3.3p

Philip Morrish, of Smith New Court, expects final pretax profits at Evode Group, the adhesives and industrial coatings company, to slump to £6.5 million from £15.2 million and the final dividend to 0.22p (4.64p). Smith New Court forecasts interim pretax profits of £7.75 million (£10.6 million) at Ellis & Everard, the chemicals company. The interim dividend should be held at 2.25p.

Interiors: Dalepak Foods, Ellis & Everard, Excelleur Group, Fletcher King, Real Time Control. Tomkins. Finals: Aukett Associates, Evode Group, Hawtin, Lowe (Robert H).

Economic statistics: Credit busi-ness (November): retail sales (November - final). TOMORROW

Stakis, the debt-laden Scottish hotels-to-leisure group, chaired by Sir Lewis Robertson, the company doctor, is likely to disclose £46.6 million final pre-tax losses of (£30.6 million profit) after property writedowns and restructuring costs, according to County NatWest WoodMac. The dividend is forecast to be halved to 1.35p (2.7p).

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lion) says County. Interims: Aberforth Solit Level Trust, Barbour Index, Bucknall Group, Debanham Tewson & Chinnocks, Exmoor Dual Invest-ment Trust, Howden Group, West Trust, Nobo Group.

Finals: Burndene Investments, Crown Communications, Euro-therm International, Stakis. Economic statistics: Capital issues and redemptions (Decamber); producer price index numbers (Decamber – provisional).

WEDNESDAY

Despite a poor summer, First Leisure, is expected to buck the depressed trend with final pre-tax profits of £29.5 - £33 million (£29.2 million).

Andrew Yeo, of the smaller companies team at Hoare Govert, expects Southern Business Group, the photocopier lessor, to report fullyear pre-tax profits of about

lion to £70 million. However, a maintained dividend of report final pre-tax profits of about £7 million (£13.2 mil-6.4p is predicted.

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Finals: Davenport Vernon, Look-ers, Microgen Holdings, Selective Assets Trust, TSB Group. Economic statistics: Institutional investment (tritro your provisional); average earnings in-dices (November – provisional); employment, hours, productivity and unit wage costs; industrial disputas; provisional figures of vehicle production (December). ivestment (third quarter); tabour rarket statistics (December —

E13-8 million (£14 million). A dividend of 2.81p (2.56p) is

predicted. Net debt should

Interface: Asda Group, City of Oxford lovestment Trust, Wyko Group, Zettere Group.
Finals: Colorvision, First Leisure Corp. First Philippine Investment Trust, Group Development Capital Trust, London Sottlish Bank, Southern Business Group: Economics statistics: Quarterly analysis of bank advances (September-November); details of em-

ember-November); details of em-ployment, unemployment, earn-ings, prices and other indicators.

THURSDAY

Bad debt provisions at Hill

Samuel, the merchant bank-

ing section of TSB Group, are

expected to pass £400 million

for the year — affected by the group's exposure to Brent Walker — and will dominate

The banking group is ex-

pected to plunge to a pre-tax loss of £60 million, against a

profit of E312 million last

time, according to UBS Phil-lips & Drew, Market forecasts

range from losses of £40 mil-

the final results.

million (£10 million).

FRIDAY

Interime: Abtrust Scotland Invest-ment Co, Lazard Select Invest-ment Trust, Peel Holdings, Sut-cliffe Speakman. Finals: Elandsrand Gold Mining, Kunick, LPA Industries, St An-drew Trust, South African Land & Exploration, Vasi Reefs Explora-tion & Mining, Western Deep Levels.

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Economic statistics: Public sector borrowing requirement (December): retail prices index and tax and price index (December).

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Changing the ERM game

as the US cavalry arrived just in time to save the pound, or at least Britain's reserves? Europe was certainly caught on the hop by Thursday's leap in the lagging dollar. But that is how speculative markets make a sharp turn, as dealers have to close positions in a hurry. President Bush's economic harvest in Tokyo was more excuse than cause for a change of sentiment and Friday's American job figures, greeted as cause for a further upturn, could as easily be read the other way. A bevy of other December statistics will test any nascent dollar recovery this week. For several weeks. however, the ingredients have been assembling for a turn, at some stage, in the dollar's relationship to the mark, if not to the yen.

After a long slide, the last fall and rise in American and German interest rates pushed the dollar back to its DM 1.5 level of a year ago, if not yet to the record February low of DM1.45, which will surely be tested if last week's rally fails. At that time, America's economy was falling into its long recession and unification was turbocharging Germany's boom. Today, things look different. American sales and output are trying, splutteringly, to turn up. Germany is running out of puff. The interest rate curve suggests short-term rates have reached a peak in Germany, since it is not headed for a sustained fight-money Reaganomic boom. America's rates must be near rock bottom.

That logic could be on hold for some time. however. Helmut Schlesinger's transitional Bundesbank council, displaying an unsubtly atavistic streak, is trumpeting its determination to keep rates high for the foreseeable future. Nothing in America's "recovery" is yet out of character with an economy merely bumping along the bottom. No one can yet be sure, therefore, that this is really the dollar's turning point

The Chancellor and the Governor of the Bank of England must certainly hope the US cavalry keeps charging. In market psychology, that would be a much more diverting game than "get the pound", pushing sterling's awkward weakness into the background. Thursday's resulting technical discomfort for sterling in the ERM need not last. If a dollar trend is established, it will imply specific weakening of the mark within the ERM, where the last rate rise left it well above its central rates. The mark makes up 30 per cent of the ecu, so a fall should greatly ease the underlying weakness of the pound, now 3.2 per cent below its central ecu rate against 2.2 per cent at the previous low in December 1990.

That is not the Governor's pressing problem. Sterling and the peseta, the two newcomers learning the ropes in the ERM; are causing each other trouble at opposite extremes of their wide bands. Sterling breached its peseta limit twice last week. If the problem can be limited to the peseta, however, targeted or even compulsory Bank of England intergration should edutain it without strain on the reserves. Blame for difference is pretty equally shared. Spain is embarrassed by high short term interest rates, shill about 12.5 per term they have by now achieved all they will, possibling these country's subborn inflation, and most fall soon. Britain, having entered sterling into the club at an artificially high rate, must accept the consequence that, with inflation no longer falling, interest rates can make no further contribution to recovery, without devaluation. The government has ruled that out, to bolster confidence, but has not admitted the implication. If a senseless rise in interest rates is equal public flourish that he will not cut rates again before sterling has recovered its central ecu rate hoping the mark will achieve much of that for him.

Promoting economic benefit of a new trade agreement

ECONOMIC VIEW

Colin Narbrough

finds that the man who chaired Gatt talks for five years knows the passion

they can arouse

of the world trade talks set to more than five years of negotiations largely out of the public eye, Arthur Dunkel, the Swiss director general of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade thinks it is time for governments to draw public attention to the economic impact of a successful

The career trade diplomat, who has chaired the talks throughout, has bitter experience of what fears about the loss of protection can do. He has had to face a mob of angry Swiss farmers trying to force the door of the Gan headquarters in Geneva. Usually peaceful Switzerland last week saw thousands of protesting farmers on the streets, voicing alarm that the Gatt round would spell the death of Alpine agriculture.

Elsewhere, the round would appear too impenetrable for public consumption. Yet liberalised trade in agricultural goods, services and intellectual property, the new ground being broken, inevitably means a shift of advan-tage and disadvantage in international trade. Nor will further reduction of tariffs on manufactured goods leave trading patterns unaffected.

At the political level, the round has proved remarkably easy to put on the back burner, even though it is accepted that it would give a welcome "vitamin shot" to an ailing world economy. Oddly, given the London economic summit's commitment in July to give the Uruguay round top priority, the deadline for conclusion by the end of 1991. already a year overdue, was allowed to slip once more.

In an interview with The Tritles, Mr. Dunkel, who on Friday set mid-April as the new target, made it clear he could not imagine that the politicians would let the round fail. He expects today's meeting of the chief negotiators to give formal blessing to "fast-forwarding" the round on the basis of his 450-page draft text, even if some participants, primarily the European Community, seek to mask their rejection of proposals for agricultural trade with the fig-leaf of a demand for "sub-



stantial and essential modifications".

That wording, which emerged from the Brussels meeting of European Community farm and trade ministers on Saturday, has a softer tone than the flat rejection minis-ters issued after their last meeting. Despite his natural caution, Mr Dunkel imposed his own compromise on the farm issue in the draft text, drawing fierce attack from Brussels and Paris that he was too biased in the Americans' favour. The transatlantic row over agricultural sup-port has been the main obstacle throughout the round.

With no sign that the EC or America were closing the budget spending on subsidies and tonnages, and the inclusion of direct payments to

farmers to compensate them for subsidy cuts in the reduction process

Although far short of the cuts of up to 90 per cent Washington had initially demanded, the Dunkel paper was condemned by Louis Mermaz, the French farm minister, as leading to "ruin" in the European farming industry. Washington's response to the Dunkel paper is not clear, but Carla Hills, the combative American trade representative, appears to be trying to highlight the success the administration is having in opening markets other than the Japanese car

market. Given the boost to growth and political popularity President Bush needs from a suc-

With Japan squared by President Bush, he believes an isolated EC would not resist a Mr Dunkel considers the medicine prescribed for agriculture rather gentle. "Given that the round has taken five

years, the ten-year period for

phasing in changes does not seem too long," he noted. "In agriculture, the draft text does not represent a revolution but an evolution." He had always expected agriculture issue to be the "most difficult to take forward" and is clearly encouraged by the movement that has occured since last February, when he had nothing to show in this area. A key problem for him has been trying to arbitrate between two sides unsure of their own position, a criticism mainly intended for the EC. He accepts that he took a risk when presenting his draft package in December, but thinks governments involved have a duty to coming generations to ensure a smooth

working trading system. Convinced President Bush wants an early agreement, and needs it all the more after his troubled Pacific tour, Mr Dunkel said:"We are practically beyond the point of no return." Even if the round was to suffer an "accident" at this late stage, he believes governments would soon want to try again to address

Shifting economic power meant no single participant at the Gatt talks could act as the locomotive for trade liberalisation, as the Americans had in the past. Mr Dunkel said America, still the biggest economy, needed an instrument to look after its interests. The danger, otherwise, is that the Americans will seek to make their own arrangements, as they have with Japan. If the Uruguay round were agreed, there would be no longer be any need for Washington to go its own way. The Gatt's role as global watchdog for free and fair trade would come to the fore. 'Acceptance of this package would be a great step forward

In Pole position for mass sell-off

Oland's government is likely to foster mass privatisation, according to Tomasz Gruszecki, the kel expects Mrs Hills will new Polish privatisation minhave a mandate to be flexible. ister, but reservations over the speed of economic reform will make it more difficult for foreign companies to make direct acquisitions.

The centre-right government under prime minister Jan Olszewski is about to move from a dual strategy of privatisation, with mass pri-vatisation alongside direct sales to foreign companies, in favour of mass privatisation. which is regarded as politically more acceptable. This may lead potential western investors to look elsewhere in eastern Europe. The change in emphasis comes amid increased pressure in Poland to prevent asset sales "on the cheap" to foreigners and symptoms of reform fatigue.
As an adviser to the Polish

government, Jan Ledochowski, director of SG Warburg, the British merchant bank, defended this strategy on political grounds, saying it represented a dislike for centrally planned decisions. It also reflected a degree of xenophobia, he conceded, while adding that "one should not plan the future of Poland on the basis of direct foreign investment". He said:

The argument is not whether Poland should be like America but how quickly it will be like America. ¬ he first stage of mass

privatisation will in-clude 200 companies. Under the scheme, western fund managers are bidding to manage investment funds that will control the companies. The deadline for the bids is next month. Initially, the funds will be owned by the state, but ownership will later pass to Polish citizens. The funds will own 60 per cent of the companies under management, a further 30 per cent will be retained by the state and the last 10 per cent will be owned by the management

Foreign investment would be possible once the funds restructure the companies under management and begin to sell off individual

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Manley Cooper hack in London

A LIVELY homecoming is in store for Justin Manley-Cooper, one of the City's rising stars, who flew in to London last week after a three-and-a-half year spell in the New York offices of County New Yest Manley Cooper ty NatWest. Manley Cooper, aged 31, set up County's Australian and Hong Kong desks — the latter was shut down early last year — and was broking Australian shares in London before crossing the Atlantic. "I am now looking for somewhere to live," says Manley-Cooper. who spent eight years on the asset management team at Morgan Grenfell prior to joining County in 1988 and has been given a month or so to settle down before starting work once more. His family has a proud place in British military folklore. His father, Norman, was one of the crew. of the Swordfish squadron which attacked and crippled the German battleship Bismarck on May 26 1941.

Tied up.

CITY people are still recling from the bicentenary celebrations of Charles Stanley, one of Britain's largest private client stockbrokers, which invited about 750 guests to a bash at Armouty House, City Road, on Thursday evening. The revellers were each given a navy blue tie sporting a series of zig-zags, which bear more than a passing resem-blance to the FT-SE 100 index on a bad day. "It's actually going up, insists catering, and hence takes its David Howard, the manage place alongside Rothschilding director and son of Sir Asset Management as well as



"For next Christmas I'd like a nice new for sale sign'

Edward Howard, a former Lord Mayor of London and chairman of the company. The guests included Brian Winterflood, of Winterflood Securities, who is looking tanned and fit after a trip to Zimbabwe during which he and his wife. Doreen, managed to flip their raft while tackling the rapids on the Zambezi River. Charles Stanley's archives include a share certificate of May 1889, in the name of Barney Barnato, founder of De Beers, who was lost at sea, while returning to England, in almost the same spot as Robert Maxwell.

Roux on the menu REGULAR diners at James Capel's leafy offices on Bevis Marks will be pleased to learn that the firm has gone upmarket. It has hired Roux Restaurants, part of Albert and Michel Roux's gastronomic empire, to provide Asset Management as well as

son, which signed them up six years ago. The Roux brothers, who in 1967 opened Le Gavroche in London's Mayfair — the first restaurant in Britain to receive three Michelin Guide stars - and own The Waterside Inn at Bray, Berkshire, along with several City haunts, must be only too pleased with their larest venture. The sad news is that Capel made all its inhouse catering staff redundant just after Christmas.

its old rival. Kleinwort Ben-

Close shaves

WITH three months to go before Euro Disney, the giant theme park east of Paris, is due to open its doors, the Disney corporation seems to be having a hard time finding enough staff. Disney has hired an employment agency in London to recruit 250 staff and has brought in some thing "large, pink and inflat-able" in east London in the hope of appealing to sunny and cheerful locals. The job descriptions are a little puzzling, since Disney is apparently insisting staff should have "no facial hair". Quite how Snow White will react to seven unbearded dwarfs remains to be seen.

That's showbiz

NEARLY 800 underprivileged children had a fun time at Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte's annual pantomime last week. Directing the show, however, was another matter. The man chosen for the task, Stephen O'Sullivan, an oil and gas economist with the firm, was left tearing his hair in dismay after three partners dropped out, because of overwork, and Julian Bates, one of

the stars, announced he was defecting to Andersen Consulting, one of Coopers' old rivals. O'Sullivan promptly took on the role of Professor Jones in the production of Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves, and survived the experience - despite crashing in to the set on one occasion. "I almost brought the house down." says O'Sullivan, aged 31, who is a former oil trader with BP and Total.

RED faces at the International Petroleum Exchange, which sent out an invitation to a cocktail party in honour of a "Soviet" delegation. It has now rushed out a second invitation to a lunch, referring to the guests as "Rus-sian" and including roast beef on the menu. But will the Russians eat it?

Give us a job

WHAT is going on in the world of accountancy? Asked to name their ideal gift over the festive season, trainee accountants, who only a year ago had been happy to claim BMWs, Porsches and Ferraris, said they would now be far happier with a plain. simple mountain bike. Others made world peace a priority, in a quiz in Pass Magazine, along with requests for personal computers and even one or two for Kim Basinger — preferably clad in a Batman suit. "It's a sign of the culture shock which has hit the profession over the last year," says Ken Robson, of Harrison Willis, the financial recruitment consultant that commissioned the survey. But the top reply should surprise no one. Most of them wanted nothing more than a job.

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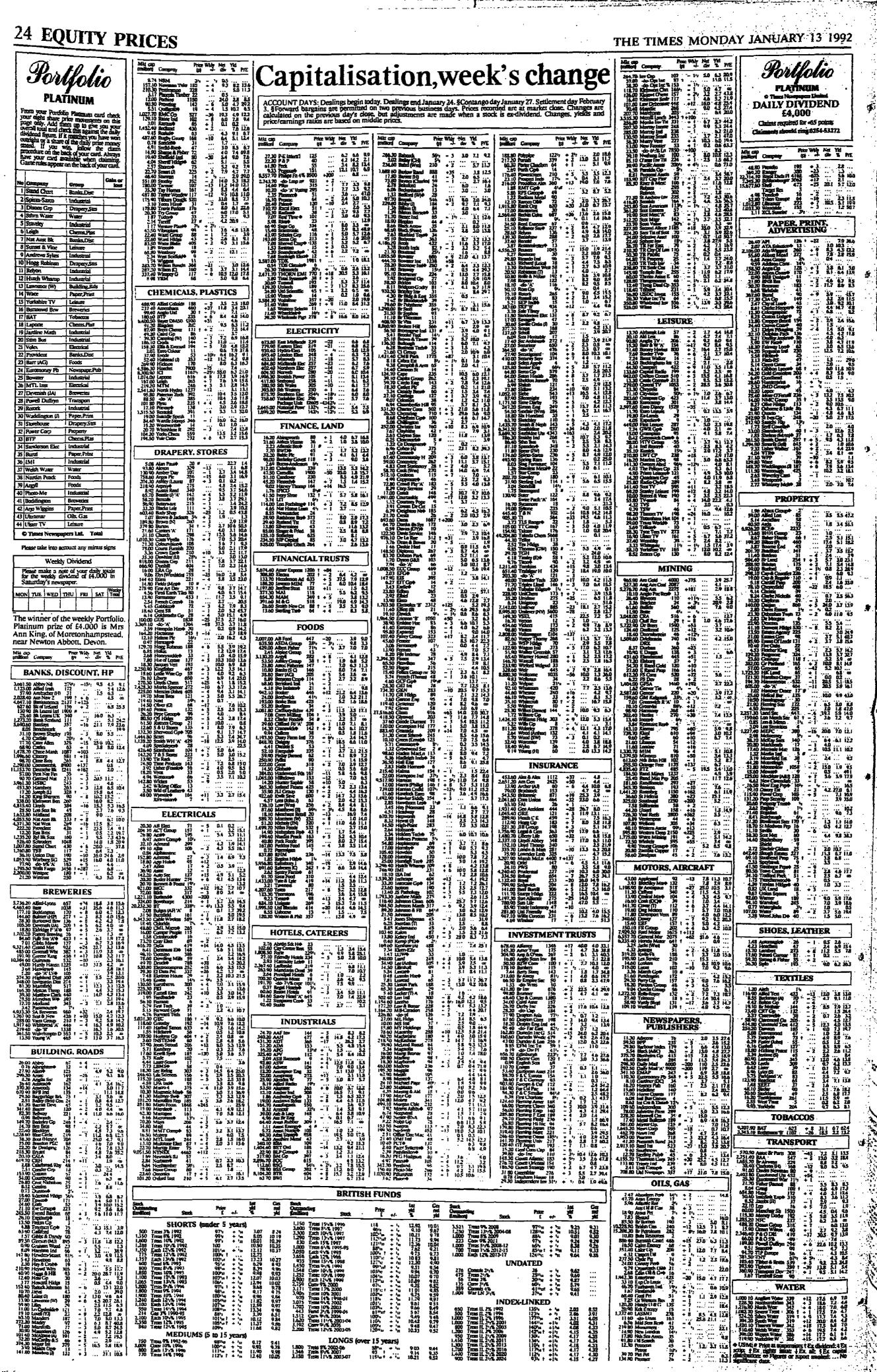
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Academics fear that switching teacher training to schools could lead to cutbacks, says John O'Leary

Teachers trained on the cheap?

have been as well trailed as those proposed by Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, for teacher training. Education departments saw the switch from colleges to schools coming months, if not years, ago.

The result has been the gradual spread of school-based courses for graduates going into teaching, acknowledged in the inspectorate report that accompanied Mr Clarke's speech to the North of England education conference.
The principle of training teach-

ers in schools has been widely accepted. What took the academics by surprise in Mr Clarke's announcement was the scale and character of the switch he proposed. The 80 per cent minimum. suggested for the proportion of students time to be spent in schools is greater than that achieved by the most enthusiastic proponents of school-based training. The financial implications, combined with the loss of ultimate responsibility for the students. could threaten the existence of some departments.

Students at Oxford and Sussex universities, regarded as the model for school-based training, spend two-thirds of their time in schools. Both departments see educational and financial drawbacks to meeting the new requirements.

The former teacher training colleges, long accused of championing the trendy teaching methods many blame for inadequate educational standards, will be largely unaffected by the changes. Most concentrate on the Bachelor of Education (BEd) degree, which is not part of the reform package. Mr Clarke's proposals cover only the Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) for graduates going into secondary schools, which is run mainly in universities

Unless there are unexpected changes as a result of the consultation, selected schools will

for training these students within three years. Mentors appointed by headteachers would look after students, assessing their performance at the end of a course partly designed by the schools. Collegebased parts of courses will have to be relevant to classroom practice.

Until the government's plans are finalised, it will be impossible to gauge the impact on teams of academics, whose research has been behind many recent curricuhum developments. The two higher education funding councils have set aside £2.5 million to aid the transition, and the government has added £3 million, but the departments could lose much more even if they win contracts for the new-style training courses. More than \$40 million is spent now on secondary PGCE courses.

At the conference, Mr Clarke spoke of "a considerable shift of funds from colleges to schools" as more work was transferred. The training institutions will be expected to reimburse their parmer schools for their ex-

tra costs, placing a potentially unbearable strain on those receiving most of their money for students on PGCE courses. Income from other courses will prop up many departments, but Mr Clarke has al-

of the BEd from four years to three. Some staff will be expected to transfer to the new training schools, but ministers wish to contain schools costs and not recreate a more expensive version of the system being dismantled. Teacher trainers are already forecasting departmental closures. Maurice Galton, the professor of education at Leicester University. told The Times - Educational

Supplement: "No one knows how

ready hinted at similar changes in

primary courses, and a shortening



Teaching and learning: more training time may be spent in school, and colleges could suffer are happy to see that proportion

rise as long as it is going to be

it is going to be done, but if we lose 80 per cent of our funding and yer we are still expected to shoulder the expense of maintaining the library and other administration costs, we might decide it was not a viable proposition.

At Sussex University, where mentors in schools are unpaid, the school-based course is already running at a big loss. There is a deficit of £368 per head on a budget of £2,200 for every one of

'Higher education's role in

training is increasing elsewhere

in Europe while the opposite

thrust is contemplated in Britain'

Yet Dr Trevor Paternan, the

director of studies for the course

that pioneered school-based train-

ing 25 years ago, is among many.

academics who expect their

departments to be able to adapt.

There is nothing inconsistent

with the Sussex approach in the

proposals," he says, "although we have reservations about the 80 per

cent limit in the light of the

demands made by the national

curriculum. We already transfer a

third of our budget to schools, and

the 150 graduate trainees.

spent on the training it was provided for." London University's Institute of Education expects to meet the proposed criteria with its new PGCE, transferring professional studies to schools and using teachers as full members of the training team. The scheme, developed by Professor Eric Bolton, the former

head of Her Majesty's Inspec-

institute £300,000 in payments to schools to release teacher-tutors. A pilot project in Camden, north London, has been popular with schools and colleges. However, even this course

torate, will cost the

would have to be modified under Mr Clarke's plan.

Other universities and polytechnics will have to redesign courses from scratch, and hope that the criteria will be flexible about what counts as school time. Mr Clarke has already raised the possibility of including college work supervised by teachers.
The Universities Council for the

Education of Teachers, which meets on Thursday to discuss the proposals, has raised several issues with Mr Clarke. The council contrasts the move towards increasing higher education involvement in teacher training elsewhere in Europe with the opposite thrust contemplated in Britain. The council's officers repeat the warning in last week's HMI report that schools' priority must be to teach pupils, not train students, and foresee difficulties in the selection and operation of training schools.

ike many teacher-trainers, however, they are worried about the way in which a new system would work, not the principle of switching more training into schools. The council has told Mr Clarke: "We support unreservedly the notion of equal partnership between schools and training institutions, the clarifying of their respective and complementary contributions and the appropriate resourcing of those contributions. Indeed, it is the inequality of the partnership you propose which raises many of the particular issues we identify."

There is a sense of injustice among academics in education departments, who see themselves as scapegoats for imagined shortcomings. However, if the changes are applied sensitively, there is more willingness than ministers might expect to make school-

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More opting out

THE number of schools opting out of local authority control has almost trebled in a year, according to Choice in Education, an organisation that promotes grant-main-tained status. The 104 schools voting to opt out before the start of 1991 have grown to 285, while 96 have rejected proposals to follow suit.

There are now 142 grantmaintained schools in operation. Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, still has requests from 126 others on which he has to rule.

Head-first

MORE schools are appointing a headteacher at the first attempt than in previous years. researchers at Oxford Polytechnic have reported.

The number of secondary schools having to readvertise posts has halved in a year, and there has been a more modest improvement in the primary sector. One in five primary headships was still not filled at the first attempt during 1991. and in inner London the rate increased to 41 per cent. Church schools had the most difficulty in filling posts.

Fewer iobs

ONE in nine of the blue-chip organisations included in the annual PA Consulting Group

survey of graduate job pros-pects does not intend to recruit any graduates in 1992. The survey confirms the bleak forecasts by employers and careers advisers last week.

New SEAC chief

DR Hilary Nicolle, a former diplomat and headteacher. has been appointed to the newly created post of chief executive of the School Examinations and Assessment Council (SEAC).

After starting her career in the diplomatic service, Dr Nicolle entered teaching, and went on to become the head of the Tiffin Girls' School, in Thame. Kingston upon southwest London. She also served on the National Curriculum Council for two years, and became the deputy director of Wandsworth education authority, in south London.

Lab alert

ARMY bomb squad officers had to neutralise a volatile cockiail of chemicals that had been tipped down a sink at Basildon Tertiary College, in Essex, last week. More than 1,000 students were sent home after a string of explosions in a chemistry laboratory.

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Nobody was injured in the incident, but Susan Woodrow, the college principal, promised

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MARKS & Spencer is to sponsor its first professor, at Bournemouth Polytechnic. The company already sponsors a fellowship at Manchester Polytechnic, but the chair in retail management represents a coup for Bourne-mouth, which expects to become a university next year.

JOHN O'LEARY



Choosing a common reform path: Britain, says Lynne Cheney, above, is a little ahead of America in testing

US learns British lessons

hile Kenneth Clarke, the educa-V tion secretary, faces all-round criticism of his reforms, he can take comfort in praise from one of President Bush's closest advisers. The White House is watching Mr Clarke, if only to

learn from the mistakes. Lynne Cheney, the chair-man of the National Endowment for the Humanities, and married to Dick Chency, the defence secretary, says American reforms are following Britain's. Although central government will leave the detail of reform to the states, it will for the first time lay down certain national

standards. Mrs Chency, appointed chairman by President Bush, has used her considerable powers to make the endowment a leader in reform and education one of its prime concerns. The endowment has a general brief to nurture the study of history. philosophy, languages, archaeology, the law and comparative religion.

us." This will lead towards a common curriculum and regular testing. Experts in every field, starting with-mathematics and followed by history, will say what Ameri-

can children should be expected to learn, but the state, or groups of states, will be left to set their own needs. National testing at nine. 13 and 17 will be introduced from 1993, but, again, precise requirements will be left to the state education departments. There will, however, be a national examinat-

Mrs Chency says: "I think the United States will be able to learn from the British experience in testing, which I On a visit to Britain last know was at first too time-

Kenneth Clarke's reforms

ing but do not want to go

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numbing courses on offer,"

Mrs Cheney says. "The alter-

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consuming." The lesson Britain has learnt from the week, she said: "We are working towards a common US is in teacher training. Mr reform path, although you do Clarke only recently anseem to be a little ahead of nounced his intention for all graduate secondary school teachers to be taught mainly in schools. The grip of the teacher training institutions that Mrs Cheney described as a cosy monopoly leading to mediocrity was broken in the US about five years ago. The internship system. under which graduates are trained by colleges and_se-

nior teachers, has, Mrs Cheney says, been remarkably successful in raising standards and encouraging bright young graduates to ion so that every state will know where it falls in the natenter teaching.
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raised standards and im-The Americans are keenly watching proved courses in some colleges, where there are some very bright people."

One side-effect of the sys-

tem in the US was to increase dramatically the number of teachers from the ethnic minorities who had been put off by the idea of traditional teacher training. Parental choice is the name of the game, Mrs Cheney says. Many states guarantee choice, even allowing groups of teachers and other qualified people to set up their own schools. The idea of parental choice

has been resisted by the teacher unions, although even they are now giving it half-hearted support. As in Britain, the reforms were promoted initially by

industry, which complained that American school-leavers were of too low a calibre. often lacking in basic skills. The campaign was soon joined by parents "in desspair" at the low standards of

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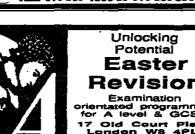
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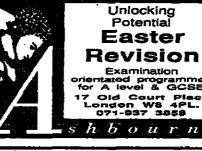
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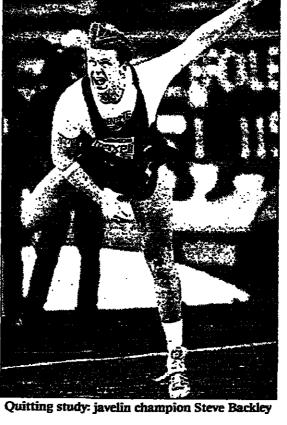
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Rugby came before a first-class degree: Will Carling

In America, athletes are lured from around the world to colleges and universities. In Britain, Damian Whitworth reports, students have more difficulty



Sporting chance to study

pursuing a sporting career

growing reputation, time is the enemy. Modelling, guest appearances, lecturing and meeting the demands of sponsors leave little opportunity for running a simultaneous career, especially an academic one. Brit-ish higher education is not flexible enough to cater for those with such

Much has been made of the welcome given to gifted athletes by Oxford and Cambridge colleges and in the past there has always appeared to be a place for good prop forwards and international oarsmen. Nowadays, however, these are rarely under-graduates — unless they get the same A-level grades as everybody else — but postgraduates or affiliated students doing a year at the university as part of a degree

Yet the belief that it is important. to exercise the body to comple-ment the exertions of the mind is as popular today as it was in ancient times when Juvenal wrote of the ideal of a sound mind in a

Many students develop their sporting skills while at college and have their first international success after they leave. But many who enter student life, having represented their country at junior level, fail to make full international level because they cannot cope with study and the necessary hundreds of hours of training. Students who succeed in the sports arena often have to drop out of college to remain successful.

 Almost 40 years ago, the story was different. Roger Bannister, and Christopher Brasher and Christopher Chataway, who helped Bannister run the first subfour-minute mile in 1954, had to make no such choice between sport and work. They were hailed

The three subsequently left university with a stack of degrees. But Bannister says the training and competition in those days was more relaxed. "I never trained for more than 40 minutes a day and the maximum mileage for a week was 25, which does not compare with the work put in by the modern athlete, he recalls. Will

Carling, at the start of his England rugby union career, was forced to miss a tour of Australia because he could not postpone his examinations at Durham University. Carling completed his degree but the cost of dedicating himself to topflight rugby was that Durham awarded him a recommended

pass degree.
Jason Laslett, a West London Polytechnic undergraduate and the captain of Teddington hockey club, decided the only way he could finish his degree and pre-pare for this year's Olympics was to take a year out from his course. "This summer," he says, "I would be taking my finals, but I had to take a year off. I had to choose between hockey and my course."

Laslett, aged 22, has been capped 65 times by England and Great Britain, and has had a personal coach to train him when the pressure of studying prevented his training with other members of the squad. He was lucky to be given a year out - many institutions are not keen on allowing it and to be able to support himself while training this year.

through college by a firm of insurance brokers, which is employing me for this year. The firm is very

good about giving me time off." Steve Backley, the javelin world record holder, in 1989 was a firstyear, aged 20, at Loughborough in his first full season in senior athletics, when he won seven grand prix events. He also took gold medals at the Europa Cup, World Student Games and World Cup and broke the Commonwealth and British records.

e was voted athlete of the year for 1989, and was allowed a year off from his course. He has, however, decided not to return to higher education. "If everything goes to plan. I will be in athletics for the next ten years," he said last week, before leaving to spend winter in New Zealand.

Backley claims he could still be a student and compete at the top. pointing out that his great leap forward in the event came when he was still slaving over his sports studies text books. But it is exmaintained his position as the world's no. I while studying.

Arhletes find a warmer welcome in the United States. So active are American universities in providing free education for young people with exceptional sporting potential from countries around the world, including Britain, that the term "muscle drain" has been coined. Courses at such universiries are structured so that students receive tuition to catch up on lectures missed through training or travelling to fixtures.

Academic qualifications for the courses are, however, often lower

than in Britain. Some colleges have adopted a more American system, in which students switch between faculties and collect credits towards a degree. If higher education in the 21st century moves in this direction, allowing students to work out their own time scale for academic success, Juvenal's plea for mens sana in corpore sano could again be answered by the appearance of a new generation of Renaissance

Tests that may still fail parents

THE new national curriculum tests for 14-year-olds announced by the government last week are meant, according to Tim Eggar, the education minister, to check standards of achievement and to inform parents about their children's

Mr Eggar was presumably not suggesting that schools do not do this already but expressing a hope that the new written tests in science and mathematics, in 1992, and eventually English, technology, history, geography and modern languages, all completed by 500,000 14-year-olds at the same time every year, will give more consistency and rigour to teachers' estimates of pupils' ability, and consequently be of

more use to parents. Of course. parents will This way is learn something from the the 'blunt results of these tests, but the instrument' tests do not give a final achieveapproach ment grade. That comes later at 16-plus.

place at an Tests will take important time, when pupils choose courses for the following two years' GCSE pro-

All secondary schools will need to have sorted out student participation in GCSE courses well before the June date that has been set for the 14-plus

In schools with a broad ability spread and wide range of courses at different levels, teachers will be involved in long discussion with pupils and parents. All the necessary information is usually available for this exercise by the end of the spring term, so it follows that schools will either run two sets of week-long examinations, one in March or April, and the new one in June, or will abandon the former and rely for guidance on continuous assessment of pupils' performances. All this suggests that the new tests will be of little practical help to parents, except in those rare cases when a pupil outperforms

himself or herself. The education department has already pointed out that such occurrences should become even rarer as the whole national curriculum settles down, and teachers have a continuous profile of pupils from the age of five.

This important point tends to get lost in the arguments and counter-arguments about the merits of end-of-year tests. The national curriculum was conceived as a continuum, to enable children to progress in a systematic way, to know what they had to do next and

to realise when they had got there. By the age of 14, pupils will spread over the vhole spectrum The ideal time for them to be tested is when they are ready, and the origina

the National Foundation for Educational Research took this into account A variety of methods, reflect-

ing the fact that different subjects require different assessment techniques, was tried. However, they became over-elaborate and were replaced by the new "simple written tests" approach, which is a blunt instrument applied

right across the ability range. Teachers should show parents and governors the limitations of the new tests while trying to make the best of them. In a technological age, where creative flair, an innovative capacity and technical know-how are at a premium, simple written tests will eventually become a side issue.

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Young guns to have their own shoot-out at Flinders Park to find challenger to the old guard

Courier a threat to the big names

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE TENNIS CORRESPONDENT IN MELBOURNE

AS IF scripting the rivalry for the rest of the year, the men's singles at the Australian Open neatly divides generations. Pooled together in the top half of the draw are the old hands, Stefan Edberg, Boris Becker and Ivan Lendl, holders of five Australian Open titles and 18 grand slam titles between them. In the lower half come the young pretenders, Jim Courier. Michael Stich, Pete Sampras and Goran Ivanisevic.

The next fortnight at the National Tennis Centre at Flinders Park will provide further evidence which, if any, of the recent champions

— Courier, the French Open champion, Stich, the Wimbledon champion and Sampras, the former US Open champion - is ready to join the "old firm" as regular rather than one-off grand

slam winners. The consensus is that the Open, which, with 18 of the top 20 men and women, has its strongest field, is wide open, but Tony Pickard, coach to Edberg, the top seed and world No. 1, is not

"I really don't believe it's as open as people think. There has been an awful lot of excitement recently about the new faces and the new order, but none of the players coming up — Stich and Sampras. for example - have proved yet that they can come and do it again. Consistency, that is the sign of the real champi-

on," Pickard said. The game badly needs one of these guys to grow up. They have the quality and the ability to win more grand slam titles, but there seems to be something going wrong because they don't seem to be

coming through.

CYCLO-CROSS

British team

rider has

ankle injury

By Peter Bryan

DAVID Baker, the Raleigh

professional, had an easy vic-

tory at Sheffield yesterday in

the Rutland CC ten-mile

event, his first race since win-

However. Chris Young, of

MBK, the man he dethroned

last weekend, was taken to

hospital with an ankle injury

after crashing. Both riders

are in Britain's team for the

world professional champ-

ionship at Leeds on February

2. Baker finished almost five

minutes clear of the amateur

Richard Thackray, of

Bradford Olympic, for his

sixth win of a season in which

he has lost eight weeks

Steve Douce, of Dawes,

another world championship

team rider, had little trouble

winning the Portsmouth

North End race at Netley.

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ning the British title.

That is being a little harsh

on Stich and Courier, who only a year ago were not even mentioned as potential onetime champions, but the point is supported by the facts. Of the last six Australian Open titles, Edberg (2), Lendl (2) and Becker (1) have won five

Like it or not - and there are plenty who do not — Courier could be the first to jump the divide. Though he has played only once since the final of the IBM/ATP Tour championships at the end of looking strong and confident in his preparations. Under the guidance of José Higueras, he has developed more variety in his game and better judgment on his shotmaking. "I am thinking about which shot to play rather than just hitting the ball as hard as possible every time," he said.

A potential quarter-final against Sampras is Courier's main obstacle on the road to the final, though dangerous players like Paul Haarhuis. Jakob Hlasek and Thomas Muster lie in wait in the first

Ivanisevic has been showing signs of returning to his best carefree form, though he is suffering badly from blisters. Sampras has a niggling shoulder injury which is being treated every day, but if he can forget his injury and reproduce his form from the second half of last year, he too has a chance of proving himself in the best company along with Wimbledon semifinalist and Grand Slam Cup champion, David Wheaton.

Attention in the women's singles will focus on Jennifer Capriati, making her first trip to Melbourne, and Steffi Graf, both of whom have acquired new coaches.

STEVE Davis was swift to

beating Stephen Hendry 9-8

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night to end 27 months of

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Hendry, his sixth classic title

and, most rewarding of all,

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success since the Rothmans

grand prix of October 1989.

During the intervening

months Davis plummeted to

the nadir of his unparalleled

14-year professional career.

It was during the dark days

of self-doubt and genuine

concern that he was on an

irreversible slide. Davis then

turned to his father for guid-

SNOOKER

Paternal influence is

invaluable to Davis

BY PHIL YATES



Copy-book style: Sabatini perfectly poised for a return during her win over Sánchez Vicario in Sydney where Slozil failed is another mer and Clare Wood - were Capriati has taken on Pavel from the baseline and with matter. But Gabriela Sabatiin the first-round draw, but Slozil, who took Graf to No. 1 her forehand, but often she Jeremy Bates, the lone British has to hit three forehands male representative, who had

and to ten grand slam titles, and Graf has hired Heinz from the baseline to win the point and that is too dangercombat the domination of ous. She has the mentality of Monica Seles. Gunthardt's an attacking player because initial analysis of Graf's game she likes short points, but she makes interesting reading. needs to come to the net more not least perhaps for Graf positively. She never hits a shot with the intention of

"The problem is that if she coming to the net." doesn't play well, she has Gundhardt is right. nothing to fall back on," said Whether he will be able to the former Swiss Davis Cup succeed in adding a new diplayer. "When she wins, it's mension to Graf's game

ni, who won the NSW Open title in Sydney yesterday with an emphatic 6-1, 6-1 win over Arantxa Sánchez Vicario and denied the Sanchezes a family double after Emilio had beaten Guy Forget to win the men's title, managed to con-

can do it too. Five British girls - Jo Durie, Monique Javer. Samantha Smith, Sara Go-

vert from baseliner to volley-

er, for a time at least. So Graf

drawn against Edberg, his new doubles partner, in the first round. Last year, he had to play Becker in the opening

to qualify, gained a dubious reward for his efforts by being

RESULTS: New South Wales Open: Men: Strigles: Final: E Sénchez (Sp) bit G Forget (Fr), 6-3. 6-4. Women: Singles: Senti-lines: A Sénchez Vicario (Sp) bit A Huber (Ger), 4-6, 7-5, 6-3; G Sebetlini (Arg) bit M-J Femandez (18), 6-2, 6-3. Final: Sebatini bit Sánchez-Vicano, 6-1, 6-1.

TABLE TENNIS

Gatien fights back for title

By Richard Eaton

the barriers.

He said: "My dad has been

express heart-felt appreciation for his father. Bill, after the burden of frustration. In that respect he's been a longsuffering agony aunt. I would English Open. have gone crazy if I hadn't had him to talk to."

Davis, who also confirmed that a 10-9 win over Hendry in the final of the 555 Challenge in Belgium three weeks ago had given his confidence a considerable fillip, received a tumultuous reception from Saturday's crowd of 1,507 a record for a ranking event.

Among them was Barry Hearn. Davis's manager. He said: "Davis not winning a ranking event for 27 months is like Liverpool going all season without winning a match. Steve has been in recession for a couple of years but now he's back and I'm convinced he can go on to win a seventh world title."

RESULT: Final: S Davis (Eng) at S Hendry (Scot), 9-8. Frame scores (Davis first), 73-34, 39-57, 47-66, 672, 71-32, 8-40, 81-9, 110-22, 24-83, 55-26, 15-106, 15-95, 68-20, 99-1, 5-90, 43-73, 73-19

JEAN-Philippe Gatien, from Paris, an elegant left-hander, proved himself a front-runner for almost 40 years to win the

Gatien, the world No. 5. achieved that feat at Birmingham on Saturday with a comeback from two games down, 18-21, 19-21, 21-12, 21-13, 21-4, against Wang Yansheng, a fellow lefthander who has left Peking and competes in the German Bundesliga.

It was Wang's long pimpled rubber on the backhand that created mysteries early on for Gatien. When Gatien puzzled them out, he knew he could win. "But I was nervous because after that I had to start each game well." Gatien said. He started the fifth by reaching 5-0 with six of the most savage smashes, and ended it with a rally that had the ball flying boomeranglike back and forth towards a

squealing crowd as Wang leapt, exhibition-style, over The women's winner,

Mirjam Hooman, was similarly unexpected. She won in four games against the lively Otilia Badescu, of Romania, to become the first Dutch winner for 30 years. An English pair might



Gatien: puzzled

bles but for a sporting gesture from Lisa Lomas and Andrea Holt, who agreed to play the final an hour late after the Russians, Elena Timina and Irina Palina, had gone sightseeing. They returned claiming they had not been told of the schedule, and went on to win comfortably. Lomas and Holt preferred to help promote the event on television rather than make the protest that might have obliged the referee to make a scratching.

Later yesterday, wins for Lomas against the world No. 15, Mika Hoshino, and for Holt against Wang Xiaoming, the world No. 14, helped England's women to the semi-finals with successes against the top-seeded France and Japan. The men lost 3-2 in the second round to Germany, even though Alan Cooke saved a match-point to beat Jorg Rosskopf, the world No. 9.

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Waterloo Boy moves into pole position

WATERLOO Boy, twice runner-up in the Queen Mother Champion Chase, appears certain to start favourite for this year's race after his magnificent win in the Victor Chandler Chase at Ascot on Saturday.

Christopher Mordaunt, the senior National Hunt handicapper, now rates Waterloo Boy at 165, 11b in front of Katabatic. "I've left Katabatic on the same mark as when he won last year's championship." Mordaunt said yesterday. The two unknown quantities in the race could be Remittance Man and Uncle Emie."

In successfully conceding 8lb to Young Snugfit, his old rival, Waterloo Boy vindicated David Nicholson's contention that the nine-year-old since being hobdayed.

Dunwoody who insisted that . stopping him," said the train-er. "We'll now go for the Game Spirit at Newbury." Dunwoody and Jamie Osborne excelled themselves on

the principals from the mo-

ment when Young Snugfit

appeared to have the upper hand as they rose together at the second fence from home. "I was certain we were beat," said Dunwoody. "The first time I thought we'd win

was two or three strides be-fore the last."

Michael Deeley, Waterloo Boy's owner, is certainly fortunate as the only other horse to carry his colours is this season's Mackeson Gold Cup winner, Another Coral.

Dunwoody had earlier given a polished and thoughtful exhibition of jockeyship when initiating a big-race double for himself and Nicholson on For The Grain in the Grosvenor Insurance Chase.

'If anything, I thought I'd " hit the front too soon, said the jockey, after the 7-2 favourite had given 97-year-old Jim Joel his 90th winner at Ascot and his 1.145th in all. For The Grain's victory

also saw the passing of a landmark for Nicholson, who has now saddled 800 winners since he first took out a licence in 1968. The 51-yearold trainer is currently on course for his best season as he stands in second place to Martin Pipe in the prize-

In September, Nicholson plans to move to Ford, two miles from his present headquarters at Condicote. The new establishment is owned in partnership by the trainer and Colin Smith, who had a half-share in Charter Party, E the stable's 1988 Gold Cup

Osborne shared the day's i riding honours with Dun-woody by landing a 164-1 in treble on Rosgill, Mossy Fern is and Rodeo Star.

Raiding party foiled by Irish outsiders

FROM DICK HINDER, RACING EDITOR, IN DUBLIN

HIGH expectation turned to bitter disappointment at Leopardstown on Saturday as the seven-strong British raiding party was overwhelmed by two lightly-weighted Irish hurdlers in The Ladbroke.

The heroes of the hour were John Brassil, the Co Clare trainer, and Jason Titley, his 20-year-old rider, who enjoyed their biggest success on doggedly to capture Europe's richest handicap hurdie by three-and-a-half

lengths from Cock Cockburn. Mark Dwyer, who was swiftly dispatched to Dublin to partner Native Mission after Uncle Ernie had been pulled out at Ascot, salvaged a battling third place, but

Jiromy Fitzgerald's five-yearon was later demoted to fourth after the stewards deemed he had interfered with Larnaca. Adrian Maguire, due to

face the Jockey Club tomor-row over his claim mix-up, completed a frustrating week when Jungle Knife, still in contention for a place although tiring, failed to rise at the last flight. Maguire had also taken a heavy fall from Chiasso Forte in the preceding handicap chase.

Bank View, having only his second race after a long layoff, stayed on to be a commendable seventh but Balasani, the 11-2 favourite, was never going well and trailed -in 17th of the 19 finishers: with Riverhead last of all.

Forest Sun, after holding a prominent place in the early stages, was comprehensively ? outpaced. He best only six and Toby immediately ruled out the G Champion Hurdle. "He just cannot quicken so we will up 2 the distance and aim for the Stayers' Hurdle at Cheltenham," Balding said.

The Whitcombe trainer reported Morley Street in good heart and the champion hurdler will run next in the Bishops Cleeve Hurdle at Cheltenham on Saturday week ... followed by the Berkshire --Hurdle at Newbury on February 29.

Big-race result

Going: yielding Going: yielding
2.15 THE LADBROKE (Limited handicap hundle: listed race: 1/234,700: 2m)
1. HOW'S THE BOSS (J. Titley, 20.1); 2. Cock Cockburn (D. O'Connor, 33-1); 3. Lamaca (C. Swan, 15-1); 4. Native Mission (M. Dwyer, 9-1); Beissanni 11-2 fav. 20 ran. NR: Condor Pan: 3/41, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1/34, 1

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Well Wrapped to repeat trophy victory for Knight

TWELVE months ago Henriena Knight provided the answer to the puzzle posed by the Peter Duncanson Memorial Challenge Trophy at. Fontwell when Golden Celtic won the two-and-a-half mile though Snitton Lane is taken

chase for novices While admitting that Well Wrapped, her runner for the same race this afternoon. does not boast such good credentials, I still think he has a good chance of taking the prize back to Lockinge again

After spending most of last season in the wings, Well Wrapped made an encouragmg start to the current term when third to Springaleal and Space Fair at Wolverhampton.

That looked promising form at the time but looks even better now because first. second and fourth (Creeager) have all won since.

Well Wrapped's only subsequent race ended in disaster because he stumbled on landing over the last fence at Newbury and unshipped his rider. However, but for that error, he would have finished a creditable third behind Shamana and Cyphrate, who had each won their previous

The three previous chase winners in the field -Greenhills Pride, Nicknayar and Webbs Wonder - all have to concede 4lb to Well-Wrapped and a repetition of the Wolverhampton run should prove good enough.

well at Leicester towards the

Having landed a 67-1 dou-

looking to Dancing Paddy to keep up the stable's good work by winning the Middle

Significantly, there is now a

line in the form book involv-

ton Novices' Hurdle.

which says that Dancing Paddy should beat Ian MICHAEL PHILLIPS Balding's runner Fight To Win. Both have beaten For the day's best bet, Ballystate recently, Dancing Paddy by the greater to win the Hoechst Panacur Novices' Hurdle Qualifier.

At Carlisle, a victory for John Edwards's mare Radical Lady in the Hayton Handieap Chase will draw carned due reward for her consistency when winning further attention to the fine chance that Ardbrin has of end of last year and looks the winning the Lanercost type to follow in races of this Handicap Chase later in the programme. When Ardbrin won the Supermaster Handible at Lingfield on Saturday with El Dominio and Modes cap Chase at Wetherby on Boxing Day, Radical Lady to, Stockbridge trainer Ken Cumningham-Brown will be was far from disgraced in

ing the consistent Ballystate

fourth place. Being by Deep Run out of a mare by Saint Denys, Another Dyer has a chaser's pedigree to match his physique. So I am looking to him to win the EBF Hadrian's Wall Novices' Chase following promising efforts here

and at Ayr. Having won on the all-weather track at Southwell last Monday, Pandessa, from Mary Reveley's successful stable, now looks capable c making a profitable quick turn by landing the Emerald Handicap Hurdle.

It remains to be seen, though, whether her stable companion Casherooski can cope with Sunset Rock in the Amethyst National Hunt Flat Race. Their recent race at Market Rasen would suggest



Knight: has strong candi-

Red Rum continues to progress

RED Rum is making such a to be "a lot better" yesterday. good recovery that vers believe he could soon be back. to full health.

The triple Grand National blocked artery, was reported three days."

Donald McCain, son of the horse's trainer, Ginger, said: "He's better now than at any point during his illness. The winner, who was seriously ill ver says that he could be back a week ago with colic and a ' to normal in another two or

Tony Murray is to be held in London next month. Details of the service have yet to be finalised but it will take place after the inquest on February
7. The funeral is at Salisbury crematorium on Thursday.

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9 0-00 SAFARI KEEPER 70 (B) 34 Wikinson 6-100 M Lynch 10 A00 MULTINANOS 12 (B) J Whaton 7-100... B Delton (7) 11 (6-5 CARBON LADY 6 (D-7) Heris 7-100... JA Herris 12 B404 STATION EXPRESS 7 R (Hollashead 4-10-0 SWysne (7) 13 PSP0 SIBYL O'DONNELL 5 K Bridgishter 5-10-0 Justo Donness 72

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: A Hide, 4 winners from 8 namers, 50.0%; M-Pipe, 20 from 45, 44.4%; Mis G Reveley, 3 from 8, 37.5%; R Hollinsheid, 19 from 66; 28.5%; R Wester, 9 from 39, 23,1%; O O'Nell, 3 from 15, 20.0%. JOCKEYS: M Foster, 3 witners from 9 sides, 33.5%; G Lyons, 17 from 53, 27.0%; S Woods, 7 from 32, 21.5%; A Jackes, 9 from 42, 21.4%; J Ryan, 3 from 15, 20.0%; S Wynne, 6 from 35, 17.1%.

2.10 GARNET NOVICES HURDLE (£1,292: 2m 2f) (7) 1 U-PP AGIO 18 (B) J Bostock 5-11-5 D Byrne 2 8350 CASTLERICHARDKING 18 R Juckes 7-11-5

11-10 Ablagdon Flyer, 84 Greens Seago, 8-1 Bend Ol Hope.

2.40 OPAL CLAIMING HURDLE 1. /13 BLIE DISC 5 (C.D.F) C Beever 7-11-13. B Dalton (7)
2 P EURO GALAXY 9 R Whitner 5-11-11 ______ S Turner
3 F-00 SULC S1 8 (D.S) W Jerks 7-11-8. ht T Jerks (7)
4 F-00 RIGHT GLIB 16 J Smith 8-11-7. D Beerley (7)
5 TRISTICRUM S2F (8) W Clay 5-11-7. D Discot (7)
8 PO RIMAL AGE -63 Mers 5 WROD 5-11-5. S Davise (8)
7 U-SP GREAT SIMPLICITY 7 (B.D.S) R Akabust 5-11-5. J Railors

.. was GRANNY'S GRL 4 J Herris 4:104 J A Harris 2:1 Greet Simplicity, 94 Size Disc, 5:1 Miners Lew, 8:1 Grants/s GM, 12:1 Euro, Gellegy, Final Ace, 20:1 others.

3.10 EMERALD HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,351: 2m) (8)

1231 PANDESSA 7 (CD,F) Mrs G Reveley 5-12-0 (Sec)
R Hodge (5)
2 214- BRIERY FILLE SOF (D) A Hide 7-11-10 ____ S Woods
3 2-703 HIGH FINANCE 7 (C) R Weaver 7-11-10 D Bardey (7)
4 50-2 PEAK DISTRICT 7 (B,CD,BF,S) K Bridgmeter 5 11-10
D Bridgmeter (5) D Brid 5 00P0 BLAKES SECRET 7 A Forbes 6-11-7 6 1544 LA RAPTOTTE 14 (D.F.G) M Charles 5-11-3

7 0F56 GRONDOLA 11 (D.F) D Burchell 5-11-0. D J Burchell B 5/80 JOYFULNESS 52 (CD.F) P Beren 7-10-13 T Wall 5-2 Briery File, 4-1 Peak District, 9-2 High Finance, 6-1 Pandessa, B-1 Le Reptorte, 10-1 Grandola, 20-1 others.

3.40 AMETHYST NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,292: 2m) (5) AGE (I LCSC CHI) (c)

1 2 SUNSET ROCK 9 Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-10
W Dwan (7)

W Dwan (7)

2 3 CALLAS ELECTRIC 38 D Nicholson 5:11-5
Mr G Morrow (7)

3 5 CASHEROOSKI 9 Mrs G Reveloy 4-10-12 R Hodge (5)

4 0 MASTER'S CROWN 9 M Cheptrian 4-10-12
SD Welliams (7)

5 SORCHA R Hollinshead 4-10-7
S Wynne (7)
6-5 Calles Electric, 2-1 Sunset Rock, 3-1 Casherooski, 16-1 Sorcha, 2-1 Morrow Conen.

12.50 (2m 41 hdle) 1, Guddy Dale (B Sheridan, 12-1); 2, Yaoman Cricheler (17-1); 3, Rampoldi (6-1). Mall House 100-90 fav. 12 ran. Nk. 8l. F Marphy. Tota: 129.90; 13.10, 12.80, 12.80. DF: \$49.50; CSF: \$128.17.



 $0891 \cdot 168 +$ ALL RESULTS 165 ALL COMMENTARIES 268 THE OFF FONTWELL PK 101 201 301 162 202 302 CARLISTE 103 203 303 1.25 (2m 4f ch) 1, For The Grain (R Dunwoody, 7-2 tav); 2, Pendennia (4-1); 3, Stetaly Lover (4-1), 8 ran, 16; 8; D Nicholson, Total: 23.40; 21.70, 22.00, 21.80, DF; 27.10. This: 214.10. CSF: £16.78. Tricest: £51.67. 2.00 (2m oh) 1. Waterico Boy (R Durwood), 6-4 km; 2. Young Snught (S-1); 3. Stre-Metta (6-1), 5 mm. NP: Uncle Ernis-2. dist. D. Nicholson, Tota: 22.30; 51.50, 22.00, OF: 52.70, CSF: 25.50. *2.35 (2m hdie) 1, Rosgill (J Osborne, 20-1); 2, Geimy High (4-1); 3, Vasillev (8-4 ford), 8-ran, NR: Barney O'Nell, 2, 2, P Michell, Tota; 218.00; 22.50, 21.40, 21.20. DF: 225.10, CSF; 239.19.

3.05 (3m ch) 1, Mossy Fern (J Osborne, 2-1 fev); 2, Strong Appraish (12-1); 3, Man On The Line (7-2), 8 ran. 15i, 19i, 0 Sharwood, Toks: 22-60; 51-80, 52-20, DF: 512-00, CSF: 520-68 8.40 (2m hdis) 1. Rodeo Star (J. Caborne, 13-8 lay); 2. Cheerfu Tines (10-1); 3. Easy Buck (0-1). 6 ren. NR: La Cienege, Barge Boy; 34, 92. N Tinder, Tota: 22.40; 21.60, 22.10. DF: \$11.00, CSF: £14.63; Tricast £85.38; is.co. ackpot: 214,421, 10. (Pool of £3,897.61 arried forward to Kampton on Friday) Placepot: £52.00.

Newcastle 12.45 1, Troodes (11-1); 2, Hemblower (10-1); 3, Casaler Crossett (10-1). Friskney Dale Lad 5-2 fev. 10 ran.

Lingfield Park 2.20 (5f) 1, Crecine (13-8 fav); 2, Appending Times (4-1); 3, Mykindolmusic Appearing has (8-1). B rain, (0*1): 51aii, 2.50 (1m 50) 1, El Dominio (7-1): 2, Fiela (11-10 fav): 3, Javani (9-1). 7 nm. 3,20 (1m 21) 1, Modesto (15-2 fav): 2, Samurai Gold (10-1): 3, Cuircel Martin (8-

JOCKEYS G McCourt
M Dwyer
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A Maguire
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1.15 1, Stay On Tracks (1-2 fav); 2, Sam-fen (5-2); 3, Jeck Of Clubs (6-1); 3 ran. 1.45 1, Mazmoor (2-7 fav); 2, Seon (11-2); 3, Shor Haze (11-1); 9 ran. 2.15 1, Gate Again (7-2); 2, Leigh Boy (18-1); 3, On The Hooch (16-1); Carhisclais 4-5 fav. 6 ran. Nft: Lamendah Lad. 2.45 1, Old Applejack (15-2); 2, Mac-arthur (Evens fav); 3, Captain Mor (6-1); 5 ran. 3.15 1, Gospel Rock (100-30); 2, Just Franktie (7-4 fav); 3, Positive Action (9-1); 6 ran. 3.45 1, Bonsniza (10-11); 2, Sili Degrees (5-8 fav); 2 ran. 1.20 (1m 2f) 1, Noble Singer (11-10 fav); 2, Alternation (11-2); 3, Lizzle Drippin (13-1,50: (1m) 1, Dorset Duke (13-2); 2, Fingland (3-1 tav); 3, Super Sally (9-2), 10 ran.

8.50 (81) 1, Sally's Son (5-1); 2; Furiella (8-1); 3, Say You Will (12-1), in A Whirl 4-1 fav. 14 ran. The meetings at Warwick and Mar-ket Pasen were abandoned due to froat BETTING: 9-2 Another Oyer, 11-2 Stated Case, 6-1 | Krd You Not, 7-1 Military Secret, 8-1 Tribel Rufer, 12-1 Kambaida Rambiar, Vale Of Secrecy, 14-1 Grey Minstrel, 20-1 others

> **COURSE SPECIALISTS** TRAINERS JOCKEYS . M H Easterby D McCain 33.3 27.3 25.9 23.6 20.1 15.1 15 33 27 55 134 88 N Doughty G Brackey L Wyer P Niven M Dwyer

Fitzgerald at odds with Ascot over fine

JIMMY Fitzgerald yesterday defended his decision to withdraw Uncle Ernie from Saturday's Victor Chandler Chase because of the ground and expressed his disagreement with Ascot's decision to fine him £450.

The fine inflicted was the statutory one per cent of the added money for the race and therefore similar to the penal-

MANDARIN "

2.50 SNITTON LANE

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT

1.20 HOUGHTON HANDICAP CHASE

Amateurs: £2,180: 3m 2f 110yd) (18 runners)

1.20 Jimster. 1.50 Norstock.

(nap). 3.20 Our Nobby.

3.50 Dancing Paddy.

ties imposed on Martin Pipe and David Barons for withdrawing Primitive Singer and Seagram respectively on Friday.

"The ground had not changed from the official good to firm," Christopher Lee, the steward's secretary, said. "As far as we were aware neither Mr Fitzgerald nor his representative were at Ascot, so we imposed the fixed penalty.

THUNDERER

1.20 Jimster.

1.50 Norstock.

2.20 Well Wrapped.

3,20 Playpen. 3,50 Dancing Paddy,

BETTING: 11-4 Jimster, 4-1 Missing Man, 5-1 Celtic Hamlet, 6-1 Granny Pray On, 7-1 Noble Vision, 8-1 Border Archer, 10-1 Splitthedifference, Kingswood Kitchens, 12-1 Sam Shornock, 14-1 others.

1991: DON'T BE LATE 9-11-9 Mr F Monnier (9-4 tav) M Pipe 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

1.50 SHOPWYKE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,387: 2m 2f) (7 runners)

Long handicap: Prince Veliyer 9-13, Whippers Delight 9-10, J Brand 9-5, Glen Firmen 9-0. BETTING: 11-4 Norstock, 7-2 Glebelands Girl, 4-1 Whippers Delight, Prince Veliyer, 7-1 others. 1991: GOLDEN VINTAGE 5-10-5 A Dicken (6-1) S Dow 15 ren

2.20 PETER DUNCANSON MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY

(Novices chase: £3,080: 2m 4f) (16 runners)

GRIEENHILLS PRIDE over 4014th to Maple Dancer (levels) at Prumpton (2m, good). NICKNAVAR best Among Friends (gree 135b) 101 at Folkestone (2m 4f, good). WEBBS WONDER best Webcms Tickings (rec 6th) 2 here (2m 2f, good). ARCTIC GROWLER cover 3016 for Furry Knows (levels) at Devon (2m 6f, good to firm). PRY'S-JOY in lead when falling last in

MANDARIN

3.00 Ardbrin.

12.30 Uron V. 1.00 Another Dyer.

1.30 Noddle. 2.00 Radical Lady.

(Div I: £1,235: 2m 4f) (12 runners)

S4-S110 STAR OF THE GLEN 18 (3) (U Home Computers) A Jones 6-12-0. B Clifford (5)
133111 NORSTOCK 14 (CD,F,G) (N Queena) J White 5-11-8. A Magadre
S34152 GLEBELANDS GRIL 14 (G,S) (D Waleh) R Rove 5-11-3. G Rove (7)
31-00 PRINCE VALIYAR 13 (B,F) (J Poland) A Moore 5-10-0. G Moore
S815 WHIPPERS DEJIGHT 13 (S) (S Tindell) G Cheries-Jones 4-10-0. D Meradich (7)
0002 J BRAND 4 (Mass B Brooks) J Moore 5-10-0. W McFarland
PS2 GLEN FRIMAN 51 (Ber Equipment and Rehiperation) J Fox 4-10-0. S Fox (7)

FORM FOCUS

STAR OF THE GLEN 15th of 17 to Tyburn Led (rec 8b) at Huntingdon (2m 100yd, good to soft); earlier beat Asticol (rec 17b) at Newton Abbot (2m 150yd). NORSTOCK beat GLEBELANDS GRL (rec 6b) at hid here (2m 2, good). WHEPPERS DELIGHT 5th beaten 23 by Tawijh (gave 5b) at Plumpton (2m,

BETTING: 7-4 Webbs Wonder, 7-2 Web Wrapped, 5-1 Gods Fox, Nicknever, 7-1 Greenhills Pride, 10-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

THUNDERER

3.30 Northants.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.30 NODDLE.

12.30 MILTON NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE

12.30 RIVER PEARL

(nap). 1.00 Another Dyer. 1.30 Whispering Steel. 2.00 Bonnie Artist. 2.30 Lion Of Vienna.

BETTING: 64 Uron V, 5-2 Thistis Monarch, 8-1 River Pearl, 10-1 Brigadier Davis, 16-1 Crown Solo, Who Sir,

1991: MEETING ABANDONED - FROST

1.00 EBF HADRIAN'S WALL NOVICES CHASE (£2,151: 2m 4f) (18 runners)

RICHARD EVANS

1 00 Stated Case

2,50 Snitton Lane.

Fitzgerald, who flew to Ireland on Saturday to watch Native Mission run in The Ladbroke, said: "Although I wasn't able to go to Ascot, I rang two jockeys on Friday evening, including Peter Scudamore, who had ridden

RICHARD EVANS

3.20 Our Nobby.

there that afternoon. They both said it was definitely firm, as did my box driver.

"With two front-runners in the race, I didn't want Uncle Ernie chasing them at the

conditions. It looked like a recipe for disaster. But I had been prepared to risk him on the forecast good to firm

going." Discussing the general position on Saturday, before Fitzgerald had been fined, Nicholas Beaumont, the clerk of the course, said: "My only

complaint is against trainers

who don't state that they will

only run in the event of rain.

would know where they stand." Fitzgerald now intends to

run Uncle Ernie in the £6,000 North West Racing Chub Handicap Chase at Haydock Park on Saturday. "There aren't too many opportunities for good-class two-milers between now and Cheltenham." said the trainer. "So we will see how we get on there before making any further plans."

2.50 HOECHST PANACUR EBF MARES ONLY NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £1,772: 2m 2f) (15 runners)

3432-21 SNITTON LANE 13 (F,G) (H White) J Edwards 6-11-5	
00-420F ANNA VALLEY 18 (Mics & Swire) G Baking 6-10-12	
00-005 BARONESS ORKZY 14 (Mrs C Peterson) W G M Turner 6-10-12	
0-0 BUSTLING AROUND 14 (J Long) J Bosley 5-10-12 M Bosley -	
21/2-P CROGHAN ROSE 25 (F) (R Bowes) G Herwood 7-10-12	
P-UP DUKES HOPE 18 (T Duke) Miss L Bower 5-10-12	
FIRE RUN (C Huma) P Sutler 5-10-12 Lewrence -	
304 HELLO LADY 821 (J Devaney) E Wheeler 5-10-12	
40- IRISH ORICHID 322 (Mrs J Burnidge) S Sherwood 6-10-12 A S Smith	
G- POLLY MINOR 275 (A Ashterd) G Enright 6-10-12 R Moore (7)	
RYME AND RUN (Mrs J Seal) Mrs L Clay 6-10-12	
PP SANDALAYS DAUGHTER 16 (Miss J Menzies) F O'Mahony 7-10-12 A Maguire -	
204P/O SIKERA 10 (Mrs H Collins) P Hobbs 5-10-12	
THE NEW WIFE (Mrs D McBride) J King 5-10-12 C Liewellyn —	
FO4-805 WILL SHE WONT SHE 37 (BF) (G Roome) R Frost 510-12	
TING: 8-11 Shitton Lane, 5-1 Will She Wont She, 7-1 Irish Orchid, 8-1 Croghan Rose, Anna Valley, others	

1991: TAINE SANDS 5-10-12 R Rowe (7-2) J Gifford 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

SNITTON LANE best Rocky Park (gave 56) 5! at Laicester (2m, good). ANNA VALLEY was besten when let last in conless won by Musical Monarch (rac 36) at Newton Abbot (2m 5! 110yd, soft); earlier 2nd besten 3! by Kolghion Coombe (gave 11lb) at Hersdord (2m 5!, good to soft).
HELLO LADY 4th besten 10% by Drudwen (rec

2b) at Lingfield (1m 5f NH flat race, standard). IRISH ORCHIO, helf-eister to Desert Orchid, 12th of 13 to Stacksburg (gave 20th) at Domassier (2m 150yd, good). WILL SHE WONT 3HE 5th beaten 22 by Knight in Side (rec 11b) at Lingfield (2m, cood to firm).

3.20 SELSEY HANDICAP CHASE (\$2.012; 2m 2f 110vd) (9 runners)

3402U-3 OU	R NOBBY 10 (CD,F.	G,S) (R Bestian) D Els	worth 10-11-13	B Powell	90
5343-43 TO	(C.S) E NOTXAD M	(M O'Connor) J King 1	1-11-6	C Liewellyn (99
		D,F,G) (D Racing) R V			68
211222 PL	AYPEN 63 (C.BF.F)	P Tylor) R Frost 8-11-()	J Frost	89
0-13323 OF	FICER GROWLER 1	2 (B.G.S) (J Retcalle)	Mrs D Haine 8-10-10	J Shortt	98
641P63 TH	EY ALL FORGOT M	E 14 (CD,F,G) (R Edw	ards) T Casey 5-10-2	. R Dunwoody	92
03534/P WI	LTSHIRE YEOMAN S	4 (G,S) (E Perry) P H	syward 12-10-1	A Maguire	_
4441-P2 GE	NERAL MERCHANT	10 (B.CD,G,S) (G Tat	e) R Hodges 12-10-0_	A Tory	84
P/53P5/ AL	WAYS TALKING 627	(S) (H WHE) H WARDS	11-10-0	D O'Sullivan (3)	_
		Always Talking 9-11.			

SETTING: 11-4 Our Nobby, 7-2 Officer Growler, 8-2 Silver Cannon, 5-1 Playpen, 6-1 Tom Caxton, 8-1 They All Forgot Me, 10-1 General Merchant, 16-1 others.

1991: BRONZE FINAL 8-11-10 R Rowe (6-4 fav.) J Gifford 6 ran

FORM FOCUS OUR NOBBY needed the run when making an encouraging return to finish 3rd beaten 14 by Skrah Jey (gave 13b) with TOM CAXTON (rec 7b) 4th beaten 24 at Newton Abbot (2m 5f, sott).

TOM CAXTON lest of 3 to Sirrah Jey (gave 25b) beaten over 30 at Ascot (2m, good to firm). SILVER CANNON 3rd beaten 25 by Bastles (gave 8b) at Lingfield (2m 4f, good). PLAYPEN 2nd beaten shind

3.50 MIDDLETON NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,165: 2m 2f) (17 runners)

421	DANCING PADDY 10 (S) (Bychance Racing) K Curiningham-Brown 11-4 R Guist	99
21	FIGHT TO WIN 12 (F) (P Mellon) Balding 11-4	94
51	ABSENT RELATIVE 7 (G) (Mrs J Froome) Miss B Sanders 10-13 A Maguire	85
	ASWAMEDH 83F (O Zawawi) P Hobbs 10-12 Peter Hobbs	_
00	BATTLERS GREEN 16 (B Attenborough) G Belding 10-12 S Hodgeon	
	MONSCOMA 212F (A Davison) A Davison 10-12	_
4	MUNDAY DEAN 9 (N Woodcock) D Arbuthrot 10-12	74
	NORTHERN CONQUEROR 48F (G Anthony) T Naughlan 10-12	
	RIACE 440F (Deme Elisabeth Csaky) A Csaky 10-12 C Maude	<u> </u>
	SAKIL 97F (Mrs M Enright) G Enright 10-12 M Perrett	_
244	SOLID STEEL 18 (D Humphreys) A Moore 10-12	35
68	TANFIRION BAY 16 (C Siverthome) P Hedger 10-12 M Richards	73
P	THUHOOL 17 (E Nott) R Rowe 10-12 T Grantham	
03	VAL D'AUTHIE 12 (J Joseph) M Pipe 10-12. P Scudemore	
035	GREENWICH BAMBI 18 (BF) (J Lumphreys) W Center 10-7 D Murphy	88
	SAFE ARRIVAL 89F (Mrs R Hawes) Mrs D Haine 10-7	
6	SHIMMERING SCARLET 12 (P Jones) R Buckler 10-7 R Duthwoody	BO
ING: 6-4 thers.	Fight To Win, 7-4 Absent Relative, 5-1 Val D'Authle, 6-1 Dancing Paddy, 8-1 Greenwich B	ambi,

1991: CHURCHILL EXPRESS 4-10-10 L Harvey (13-2) R Akehurst 15 rsn

FORM FOCUS

DANCING PADDY beat Blakeneys Gift (gave 12b) 8 at Newton Abbel (2m 15b)vd, soft). FIGHT TO WIN beat Bellystate (gave 2b) 3½ with VAL D'ALITHIE (levels) 3rd beaten 4¼ and SIMMER-ING SCARILET (rec 5b) 6th beaten 19¼1 at Devon (2m 11, good to firm). ABSENT RELATIVE beat Always Ready (gave

17(b) 61 at Lingfield (2m. good). MUNDAY DEAN 4th beaten 351 by Mubin (levels) at Sandown (2m, good to firm). SOLID STEEL 4th beaten 17 by All Present (levels) with GREENWICH BAMBI (rec 5b) 5th beaten over 171 and TANFIRION BAY (levels) 8th beaten 271 at Foliosetone (2m 100yd., good to soft). Selection: DANCING PADDY

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
Miss H Knight	4	8	50.0	A Maguire	8	14	42.9 28.0 25.0 23.0 21.4 17.6
G Harwood	6	15	40.0 37.8	J Frost	14	50	28.0
M Pipe	31	15 82 39 25 32	37.8	D Murphy	6	24	25.0
P Hobbs	13	39	33.3	Peter Hobbs	14	61	23.0
A Davison	8	25	33.3 32.0	W McFarland	3	14	21.4
J White	10	32	31.3	D Morris	9	51	17.6

1 30 NAWORTH MOVICES HURDLE (£1,235; 2m 1; 110yd) (22 runners)

	UU "	MHOR IN HOUSES HUNDLE (£1,235, 211 11 110yd) (22 10111615)	
1	413	MR OPTIMISTIC 24 (G) (Orion Recorg) J J O'Neil 5-11-12 F Murtagh (5)	88
2	0/8360-0	CARLINGFORD WINTER 11 (Mrs E Miligan) D Molfatt 6-11-5 D J Molfatt (7)	02
] 3	. 6	CHAPEL ISLAND 37 (Mrs D Maller) R Fisher 5-11-5	
4		DENBY HOUSE LAD 577F (E Brook) C Parker 5-11-5	_
5	90/P00	DUTCH SCHULTZ 11 (J Ratter) S Leadbetter 6-11-5 L O'Hara	
- 8	S50/	GREEK LOVER 748 (C Taylor & Co Ltd (Taylorsteel)) W A Stephenson 7-11-5. C Grant	
7		GRINDLEY BROOK (D McCain) D McCain 7-11-5 Mr D McCain Jr (7)	_
8		HUNTING COUNTRY 1378 (D Harrison) J J O'Neill 8-11-5 M Dwyer	_
9	32/	LORD TAURO 1071 (C Castle) J Eyre 9-11-5 A Mulholland	_
10	400/	REMEMBER THE ALAMO 471F (3 Robb) J J O'Neil 6-11-5 A Dobbin (7)	_
11	Ó	RYLAND LODGE 11 (I Delgleish) J.J.O'Nell 5-11-5	_
12	Ō	TARTAN TORNADO 24 (Edinburgh Woollen Mill Ltd) G Richards 8-11-5 G McCourt	_
13		THOMAS THE TANK (R Goldie) R Goldie 8-11-5 P Nivan	_
14	22	WHISPERING STEEL 14 (BF) (J Gillow) G Richards 6-11-5 N Doughty	94
15		BOLD ARMOUR 11 (Mrs S Howe) P Morderth 7-11-0 M Moloney (3)	
18	54FR	MARIAN EVANS 11 (T Craig 5-11-0 M Sharratt (7)	84
17	5/0-	REFRAIN NO MORE 442 (Mrs Y Robinson) C Smith 7-11-0 Mr M Ranger	_
18	0.00	TAUVALERA 13 (Mrs M Swindlehurst) D Swindlehurst 5-11-0 Mr D Swindlehurst	
19	5.12	KNIGHT OF HONOUR 157F (L. K Dods) M Dods 4-10-7 J O'Gorman	
20	94559	NODDLE 10 (J Gaibraith) L Lungo 4-10-7	9 9
21	RO.	WOODSTOCK LODGE 10 (A Carr) D Franks 4-10-7 P Carr (7)	
22		SWISS BEAUTY 10 (J Buchanan) Miss Z Green 4-10-2 L Wyer	74
			, -
BET	TING: 5-2	Noddle, 3-1 Whispening Steel, 7-2 Mr Optimistic, 12-1 Terten Tomado, 14-1 others.	
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2.00 HAYTON HANDICAP CHASE (£2,346: 3m) (11 runners)

1	21P-F14		96
2	P4F0/50	SOLARES 51 (CD,G,S) (J Eyre) J Eyre 12-10-13 A Multipoland	_
3	502-222	HIGH EDGE GREY 42 (D,BF,F,G,S) (J Stone) K Oliver 11-10-13 Miss S Forster (7)	99
		BARKIN 18 (CD,G,S) (C Jenkins) G Richards 9-10-6 N Doughty	91
		BONNIE ARTIST 18 (D.F.G.S) (P Pater) W A Stephenson 8-10-8 K Johnson	89
Б	24-F262	BOREEN OWEN 14 (V.D.G.S) (D Harrison) J J O'Neil 8-10-4 L Wyer	95
		ADEN APOLLO 11 (G,S) (J Sim) T Craig 11-10-4 M Sharratt (7)	94
		BOW HANDY MAN 35 (CD,G,S) (D Morland) Denys Smith 10-10-0 P Waggott (7)	92
		CAROUSEL ROCKET 14 (B.D.BF.F.G.S) (A Seccomendo) M Hemmond 9 100 Mr S Lyons (7)	96
		BRANDY HAMBRO 14 (CD,S) (R Anderson Green) C Parker 11-100 B Storey	_
		SEASON'S AHEAD 14 (CD.S) (Mrs S Hoddess) S Payrie 9-10-0	_
	•	or Row Handy Man 9-13 Carmisel Rocket 9-9 Brandy Hambyo 9-7 Season's Ahead 8-13	

SETTING: 9-4 Radical Lady, 7-2 Boreen Owen, 4-1 High Edge Grey, 6-1 Barkin, 8-1 others. 2.30 MILTON NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE

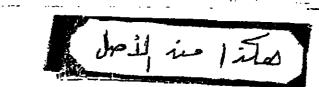
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Leicester are outclassed by a purposeful and powerful display from the revitalised league champions

Bath return to title form

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Leicester By David Hands

MAYBE when this season is over. Bath will regard the match at the Recreation Ground on Saturday as a turning point — the day which revived their Courage Clubs Championship hopes. Playing by far their best rugby of the season, they put into the harshest perspective the club that began the day as first division leaders.

RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

Leicester were saved from humiliation only by the spirit that forced them to try to carry the game to Bath. But it was a hopeless task: every way they turned they were outmanocuvred and out-thought. even after the 1991 champions lost Robinson, their captain. Three goals, four tries and a penalty goal against two penalties tells the story. Jack Rowell, the Bath

coach, said: "This was a highpressure game against the top-of-the-table team but we played the kind of open rugby that we always try to do given the conditions. We believe we can use our backs to win games and today was a fine all-round performance."

The events of the weekend restored Orrell to the top of the league, a position more appropriate to their present playing strength than Leicester, who were surprised to find themselves so highly placed given the youth of many of their players.

It is as well they now have a month off from league business so they can recover spirits sorely battered by Bath's virtuosity, which was wit-nessed by Dick Best, the England coach.

Robinson's damaged rib cartilage was the only shadow on Bath's day but they expect he will be fit for the cup match at Northampton on January 25. Ubogu moved from front to back row and Barnes, who took over as captain, said it was the first time this season that the Bath forwards and backs had played so well in

concert. Their penultimate try was the best illustration of that. when forward after forward drove from a scrum on halfway to within a few metres of ball was whipped back.

Guscott sensed the try, with the defence in tatters, but there was enough cover to force him to shovel the ball

London Scottish

West Hartlepool 6

BY BARRY TROWBRIDGE

TWO scores in the first ten

minutes and resolute defence

thereafter gained London

Scottish both points at a

packed Athletic Ground on

Saturday, maintained their

100 per cent league record

and, according to Dave Stubbs, the West Hartlepool

coaching organiser, secured

"certain promotion" to the



Fast break: Guscott carves a path through the Leicester cover at the Recreation Ground on Saturday

on. Lewis, with Haag's assistance, made the line.

Everything they did was persormed at pace and Barnes had the confidence to make his attacking ploys so close to his opponents that, once the breach was made.

there was no hope of recovery. The blind-side wing was invariably employed in a mid-Swift and two for Fallon in a game in which Fred Howard played advantage to the

Exiles' defence holds firm

In comparison, Leicester lacking Back, their industrious open-side flanker - were sluggish. Poor Ainscough. in his first senior game for two months, found himself under intense pressure from Hill and Clarke and was desper-

ately disappointed with his form, particularly his kicking. The forwards tried to maul Richards to direct them, they found the road strewn with thoms. They could work up no impetus and, even when they put Guscott under pres-

sure early in the second half, Bath competently cleared downfield.

Bath may have been capa ble of coming back from 18-0 down the previous week against Harlequins but Leicester, with nothing like the reservoir of experience to call on, never threatened a recovery from their 17-3 half-

Liley kicked his only penalty chances, and Poole and Richards waged a tolerably effective lineout battle, but everything foundered on a midfield, where nothing ssed Barnes and Lewis. Not much more may get

past Bath this league season,

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Bayfield able to rise to the occasion

Northampton Harlequins . By BRYAN STILES

THE Scots have a knack of cutting opponents down to size at Murrayfield. Even at 6ft 10in, Martin Bayfield, the Northampton lock, is un-likely to find the air space above the lineout as uncongested there next Saturday as he did against Harlequins

Bayfield completely dominated Saturday's game, and if the Saints had made better use of the possession he gained they could have ratified up almost double the points. As it was, victory by two goals, a try, two dropped goals and a penalty to two tries, a dropped goal and a penalty carried them to third place in the Courage Clubs Championship first division.

The soaring Bayfield looked down on a Quins team shorn of key players keen not to aggravate inju-ries before the Calcutta Cup-match on Saturday. Unlike Edwards, the Quins lock who is due to make his debut for Scotland. Rodber spurned the traditional rest before making his debut for England, so determined was he

to further the Saints' cause. Steele opened the scoring with a dropped goal but failed with a penalty attempt and a conversion after a fine try by Thorneycroft. Hunter then scored a glorious try after taking advantage of some inept Quins tackling. Steele converted, then he and Thresher collected a penalty apiece before Challinor dropped a goal to leave Saints with a 16-6 interval

Harlequins' pack set up Wedderburn for an excellent try, but Hunter struck back with a penalty goal and Bayfield crowned his day with a try which Steele con-verted. Shortland ended the scoring with an uncoverted

Pearce, T Rodber, J Etheridge, M Hayfield M Ord, W Shellord. HARLEQUINS: S Thresher; M Wedder-burn, J Alesander, G Thompson, M Molyneux, P Chellinor, R Glienister; M Hobley, B Moore, A Mullins, M Skinner, M Russell, S Shortland, A Fox, R Langhom. Referee: E Montson (Gloucester).

changed dropped goals be-

fore Bristol's try cut the lead

to seven points. Painter tossed

up yet another garryowen

and Orrell were slow to cover as Hull received the ball 30

metres out, jinked twice, cut

inside and accelerated to the

line for a superb try which he

Orrell's grip did not slack-en. Halsall made ground down the left and, when he

was checked, the Orrell pack

worked a rolling maul to the

Bristol line, where the visitors

conceded three successive

scrums. From the third,

Manley picked up from No. 8

and his try under the posts

converted himself.

Pontypool revive • memories of former glories

Pontypool..

By Gerald Davies THE chant of "Poo-la. Poola" emerging from the small stand and spreading to the

beautiful slope opposite may not yet be as loud, insistent or confident as it was in good old Prosser's coaching days. but there is every reason to believe it will soon become as familiar a melody to the ears of John Perkins, the present

Pontypool Park was a fearsome place to play rugby and the tribal rhythm of the chant was something a visiting team had to come to terms with as much as the urgent, tormenting rhythm of the pack of forwards they had to

The crowd that is beginning to now wend its way back again, to pack the high bank that has been sparse of late, has first to get used to their regular winning ways again. They are on course. They are beginning to feel good once more.

This substantial defeat, by four goals and a penalty to a try, of the present leading lights of the Welsh game. Swansea, serves notice that whoever fancies his chances of winning the Heineken League must first face the esome task of coming to Pontypool and winning. If they continue in Saturday's fashion, this might already

appear improbable. Pontypool's virtues, as always, are at forward. They know how to win possession and they keep it. They make few mistakes themselves and punish anyone else's. And they drive, drive and drive relentlessly on. There is no breathing space for the weak. The essential difference can be seen at the lineout. Goodey and Neil Jones consistently won two-handed catches and served their scrum half well.

Scrum half, in turn, never let his pack down and ensured they always went forward. They will run in midfield but have not yet the capacity to do much there. They play to their known strengths.
On the other hand. Moriarty's slap-backs, which landed anywhere but Robert

Jones's hands, gave the Swansea scrum half his most uncomfortable afternoon of the season. Huish, Spiller and Oswald, thankful for such generosity, terrorised him, and the Wales scrum half finally went off with a bruised thigh.

After 20 minutes, the

match was already pointing one way. By half-time, Pontypool were 15 points up through tries by Pawson and Goodey and conversions from Martin Jones, who also kicked a penalty.

Swansea, trying to escape this grip by running in their own half, succeeded only in tightening it. They dropped a pass in midfield and Lintern picked up and ran 40 metres for the score.

Ian Davies deserved the reward of a try for the visitors but Pontypool had the last word when Parry scored his try in injury time.

Gloucester saved by Smith's kick

By Peter Bills

SARACENS, a club of modest aspirations, an even more modest home but the most competitive of welcomes, are renowned for their ability to take prized scalps. Bath and Orrell are just two of the more powerful clubs to have discovered in past years that trips to Southgate for a Courage Clubs Championship first division fixture can be fraught

with peril Gloucester, the only club with a 100 per cent record in the first division on Saturday morning, were playing a league match for the first time on the ground. By Saturday evening, they would have understood just how Saracens have forged their reputation as a side so adept at playing above itself on the big

Only an injury-time penalty goal by the full back. Tim Smith — his fourth successful kick from five attempts saved Gloucester from defeat. Saracens, scoring a goal and two penalty goals against four penalty goals, could justifi-able feel denied.

Keith Richardson, the Gloucester coach, left at the end with no idea why the lastminute penalty had been awarded to his men. Harrison, the referee, explained that Crawley, the Saracens

No. 8, had detached from the scrum and then rejoined. From 35 yards and a difficult angle. Smith found the target

A draw when the match seemed lost could prove critical to Gloucester's season yet their alarming lack of authority in the second half suggested they are still a long way from maturity as true challengers for the champion-

Once 9-0 ahead, they failed to put the ball behind the Saracens back row as it stood off waiting to develop attacks around the fringes. Matthews, who is promising but inexperienced, persisted in kicking deep or attacking through his centres, who were swallowed up by the tireless defenders.

By diligence and spirit, Saracens contained the Gioucester forward effort. Their covering was blanket-like and they looked the more inventive in attack, especially from second-phase bail.

Gregory scored the only try to make it 12-9, after Dooley on plucked Rudling's high kick from the sky. Overall, it was a most worthy Saracens effort. MOSI WOTHIN SATZOENS Effort.

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GLOUCESTER: T Smith, J Penns, D Caesia, D Cumens, S Monis; N Matthews, L Beck; P Jones, J Hindor, R Philips, P Ashmead, N Sorteens, D Simms, I Smith, S Massien.

first division of the Courage Clubs Championship. If there is any justice. West Hartleform continued and the pool will number among their chance had gone. opponents next season. Having outplayed the exiles

for much of the game before going down by a try and a penalty goal to two penalty goals, they should be confident enough to see the campaign through. Indeed, they will probably play worse than



West's pressure should have been decisive. Nick Grecian kicked a penalty goal after five minutes and Derek White, from a five-metre scrum, crashed over wide on the right soon after to open the way for Scottish, but West railied and for the rest of the half forced the pace. On any other day they would have been in front at the break, but John Stabler, their captain and stand-off, landed only



White: scored only try

two of six kickable penalties. Oliphant missed a seventh, and Hodder found only an upright with a well-conceived dropped goal attempt. Nevertheless, Stabler's second success came right on half-time and their tails were up.

To their credit, Scottish responded, and it took 20 minutes of the second half before West got into their 22. But with their backs looking good on the ball and eager for it, West still looked the better bet. With 12 minutes left they even stole a scrummage five metres from the Scottish line and won a penalty for pulling

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McDonald, F. Burnell, N. Provan, D. Morton, R.
Scott, I. Dison, D. White.
WEST HARTLEPOOL: K. Oliphant: A.
Mistriel, C. Lee, P. Hodder, D. Coole, J.
Stabler, J. Wingley; P. Lancaster, S. Mitchell,
P. Whitelock, P. Evans, J. Deon, J. Howe, A.
Brown, P. Roberson

Orrell sap Bristol's spirit

Orreli Bristol By MICHAEL STEVENSON

A SPIRITED performance by the Bristol pack could not mask tactical ineptitude outside it and Orrell, winners at Edge Hall Road on Saturday by a goal, two tries, two penalties and a dropped goal to a goal and a dropped goal, cruised back comfortably enough to the head of the Courage Clubs Championship first division table.

It was a not a classic encounter, with both pairs of halves endlessly hoisting high balls for their packs to run on to. Orrell, however, did it appreciably better than Bristol, were more flexible, and contributed the vast majority of the game's best moves. Morris, apparently indestructible, demonstrated a formidable work-rate and cel-

ebrated his recall to the Eng-

land side with a bustling, dynamic performance which complemented the efforts of his excellent back row, spearheaded by Gallagher.

Taberner. Orrell's attacking full back, was also most impressive on a day when fluent handling was at a premium. Only in the goalkicking department were Orrell struggling, with Strett, who hit the posts four times, successful with only three out of ten kicks.

An early incursion by Taberner almost made a try for Heslop, but Orrell led when Johnston failed to touch down Langford's precise diagonal chip, and Halsall scampered up for the try. Stren's two penalties were

kicked either side of the interval and, when Heslop's mammoth touch kick took play into the Bristol 22, Fielden burst through, the ruck was won, and Morris was over to stretch Orrell's lead to 14-0. Painter and Strett ex-

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Hynes, N Hitchen, D Southern, S Galligher,
R Klamman, C Cuseni, N Astrust (rep: D
Cleary), P Manley.
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Hitton, D Pelmer, D Heldra, P College,
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Latecomers could be surplus to requirements

Reeve is making Strong bid for World Cup place

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT IN AUCKLAND

THE two emerging personal-5, sies of England's winter tour imposed themselves so firmly during the crushing defeat of New Zealand on Saturday that the aircraft bringing reanforcements here next week may only be carrying surplus

Ian Botham and Richard billingworth are primarily in being flown out for the World -- Cup but their envisaged roles were immaculately and deciexively played by stand-ins in the first one-day international real the tour. Now Dermot Reeve and Phil Tufnell are the men in possession and mail not easily be pushed

Between them, Reeve and Tuinell conceded only 37 grams from 20 overs in the ·middle of the New Zealand rainnings, Reeve additionally raking three of the top five enwickets. But it was not so comuch the figures that were impressive as the character of squie players providing them.

The For Reeve, each game he plays, particularly prior to Botham's arrival, is a prericious but pressured opportusmity. Ambitious, self-contained and something of a coloner. Reeve is determined

cont to waste a day. tan Tufnell's pressures are difefferent. He began the tour with his attitude under scruti-

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A J Lamb c Crows b Harris

ny. a scrutiny that has been unkindly amplified, first by a slur on the legality of his bowing action and then, on Saturday, by the uncouth attentions of a yobbish element in the Auckland crowd.

Obscene, personal chants taunted Tufnell when he fielded on the third man boundary but, apart from once returning the gestures of his formentors, he kept admirably caim. When he became the target for a volley of halfeaten fruit, Tomell was relocated by the captain. The England manager, Bob Bennett, will discuss the crowd's behaviour with the New Zealand Board's chief executive, Graham Dowling.

"I am sure the manage ment can handle the situa-tion." Tufnell said. "It is not pleasant when this sort of thing happens but I am determined not to let it affect my cricket." Let no one make the mistake of believing Turnell is suddenly choirboy material. But that he is trying to conform, under a strain few other players will encounter, is beyond dispute.

The England management has had to strike a difficult balance between the stick and the carrot with Tufnell, a balance that could easily have been disturbed by the untimely throwing allegation.

> "We are encouraging him to be expansive," Micky Stewart, the team manager, said. "It is not easy to do when you step up in class because the tendency is to go into your shell but Dermot is a cricketer of initiative."

Tufnell wornes more than he

shows and was concerned

enough to ask the tour man-

ager if he had been contacted

by Lord's officials for a report

Bennett was able to reas-

sure him and yesterday's

events were further evidence

of protection for a vital but

vulnerable part of the side. The benefit of possessing

such a bowler were again obvious on Saturday in a game one-sided enough to

become an embarrassment to

It was summed up later by

a gloomy Martin Crowe, the

New Zealand captain. "We didn't take the initiative in the

first 15 overs of each innings.

England did. It taught us a

big lesson." There was, in-

deed, a pleasing air of pur-pose and efficiency about

England's cricket, notwith-standing three dropped

catches, and the home in-

nings was condemned to me-

diocrity long before Harris

and Cairns gave it a measure

Reeve had not, previously on tour, located a consistent

line but, here, he was accu-

rate from the outset. There is

nothing robotic about him;

his bowling is a repertoire of

variations, the most exotic

being an outrageous, looping

of respect.

on the matter.

New Zealand.

Botham has had some antagonistic brushes with Reeve over the years and it will be an early examination of his attitude if, as now seems likely, he finds the young, uncapped pretender occupying his Test place when he arrives here. Reeve is evidently impressing both captain and manager K Srikkenth o Marshall & Curronic
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M Prabhanter o and with his vibrant, hyperactive approach, not to mention the igence that surfaced in his dismissal of Andrew

"I could sense him getting frustrated," said Reeve, "and Graeme Hick, from cover, told me he was standing out of his crease. I asked our wicketkeeper to stand up, putting him under pressure, and then tried the outswinger." The ploy worked, a triumph for thinking cricket.

If England craved one further treat to complete their day it was a big score from Robin Smith and even this was not denied them. After Gooch and Hick had mocked the New Zealand total with an opening stand of 64 from ten overs, Smith took control. His 61 from 71 balls included 50 in boundaries and was exactly the injection of confidence he needed.



Appealing moment: Sir Rîchard Hadlee concludes a remarkable weekend of cricket in Auckland yesterday by playing in a charity match. It was his first game since undergoing heart surgery last June

West Indies find form

alive their hopes of reaching the World Series Cup final with victories over India and Australia in successive days. Australia, with nine points from seven games, are already assured of a place in the final, and West Indies are now favourites to join them.

With winds from Cyclone Betsi whipping up the Gabba grandstand flags, Australia were dismissed for 203 by a relentless pace quartet led by Patrick Patterson as West In-

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FALL OF MICKETS: 1-14, 2-20, 3-21, 4-35, 5-62, 6-85, 7-161, 8-178, 9-191.

Extras (b 4, lb 9, w 15, nb 8)

Extras (b 2, lb 8, w 13, nb 9) .

12 runs. West Indies also matched Australia's brilliance in the field, running out three batsmen, including the vital wickets of David Boon and Alian Border. "I didn't think we had enough runs but our guys bowled well," the West Indies captain, Richie Richardson, said.

Put in to bat, West Indies reached 168 for two with Brian Lara hitting five fours and a six in his 69, and Richardson continuing his

when Healy was superbly run

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AUSTRALIA rder run out ...

Total (49 overs) _ FALL OF WICKETS: 1-70, 2-73, 3-84, 4-120, 5-135, 6-141, 7-152, 8-164, 9-200. dent 50. But McDermott and Steve Waugh, with three wickets each, led an Australian fightback. The last eight wickets fell for 47 runs as West

Indies were dismissed for Australia also started soundly, with Boon and Geoff Marsh putting on 70 before Marsh fell to Patterson for 29. At 84 for three, with 28 overs remaining, Australia were on target, but Border was run out by a throw from Anthony, and the innings subsided. Mark Waugh was bowled by Cummins for 17, his brother was also bowled by Patterson for three, and

out by Hooper, Australia was staring at defeat. Taylor and McDermott then added 36 runs from 41 balls for the ninth wicket, but the 17 runs required from the last two overs proved too much, Hooper taking both wickets as West Indies won

with an over to spare. The day before, India never properly recovered from a dismal start. They slumped to 85 for six before the innings was given some substance by a sixth-wicket stand of 76 between Sachin Tendulkar. who made 77, and Kapil Dev. Anderson Cummins took five for 31.

West Indies lost their first two wickets for 34, but a determined 52 by the opener, Haynes, and Richardson's fine 72 guided them to a sixwicket victory. (Agencies)

Tedstone makes her mark

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN AUCKLAND

ENGLAND struck with three wickets in the last half-hour to nut themselves in a strong position after the second day of the first women's Test match against New Zealand at Cornwall Park yesterday.

At the close of play, the home team was 81 for three, after England had declared at 356 for nine, but the outstanding feature of the touring side's innings was a world record ninth-wicket partner-ship of 99 by Janet Tedstone and Susie Kitson.

Tedstone finished with an unbeaten 55 after hitting four boundaries off 105 balls, and was quickly involved in the action again when she captured the wicket of the New Zealand captain, Debbie Hockley, when Kitson the gully.

In the sweltering heat on Saturday, Jan Brittin scored 68 to become the secondhighest scorer of Test runs, behind Rachael Flint, and featured in a record English third-wicket partnership against New Zealand when she put on 129 with Carole Hodges, who was out one ball after her after making 57. SCORES: England: 356-9 dec (J British 68, C Hodges, 57, J Tedstone 55 no, J Turner 3-89, K Gunn 3-68). New Zeeland: 81-3

Four-man team in chase for medals

FROM SIMON BARNES

THE leading British fourman team won the Stella Artois British Open here on Saturday, exactly as it should have done As it did so, it showed that it is one of the hottest teams in the world right now: it set a course record of 51.89sec on its first run. The previous record was 51.91 sec: 0.02 sec is a long time in bobsleighing.

"On this form, we should certainly win a medal at the Winter Olympics," the driver, Mark Tout, said. "The gold will go to the team that puts it together at Albertville. And we are very much in contention.

The weekend saw an enormous rise in the bullishness of the British camp. The team runs an East German bobsleigh, and has a technical coach from East Germany, Horst Hornlein, the former national coach and a gold medal winner in the

The entire British squad now moves on to Altenberg, a centre of excellence" that was built by the great East

German sports machine. There, the Brits will work in wind tunnels and seek to perfect their start on an indoor

rink especially built for the It is equipped with video, electronic timing apparatus and every other aid that sci-

ence can supply.

The only disappointment of the weekend was the poor performance of Tout and his brakeman, Lenny Paul, in the two-man competition. The No. 1 team was eclipsed by

Olsson and Eric Sekwalor. Assuming this is an aberration. Tout and Paul are in with a chance of a medal in the two-man event. But the main British hopes are placed on the four.

the understudies. Sean

"There is a great spirit in the team - better than I have ever known before," Paul

Paul is a sprinter, with very real hopes of representing Great Britain in the Summer Olympics as well. The aimosphere at the weekend was unrelentingly purposeful, and impressively profession-al. "No one in the world has better equipment than us,"

"I know that I have the best brakeman in the business. The four was running really well all through Saturday. Everything about our preparation was right."

But there was one other disappointment. When the final Olympic selection was made, for the non-travelling reserves and the subsidiary teams, as everyone had expected, there was no room at all for the most junior driver. A thousand headlines have

been killed by this decision, for he has a name that nobody could either forget or believe. Bad luck, Captain

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS	ŀ
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- Hard C Welter (Getreheer), 48min	Ė
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bt P.E Hoyer-Laven (Den), 15-10, 8-15,
15-2; A B Wirenata (nido) bt F Permed
(nido), 15-11; 15-12; Finel: Wicenata bt
Susanto, 8-15, 15-0, 15-7; Women: SemiBinals: J Sentosa (Indo) bt M Ado (Aspan). Susanto, Sentoss (Inde) bi si elso (Jepan). Inais: J.S. C. Magnusson (Swe) bi E. Casna (Neth), 11-2, 11-5, Finst: Sentoss bi Magnusson, 11-6, 9-12, 11-9.

BASKETBALL . CARLSBERG LEAGUS: First division:
Men: Cheehare Jets 97 (Gardese 24, Dant
16), London Towers 108 (P Scartlebury
29, Griffin 19), Derby Burster 71 (Weggins
13, Nelson 12, HS 12), Sinningham
Bullets 64 (Reace 18, Korstz 17); Hensel
Hempsteed Royals 68 (Panorita 31,
Darlow 12, Lowel 11), Northerg Bears 80(Scott 34, Heron 19); Tharms. Valley
Topers 112 (Lloyd 23, St Kotts 22, Peed 18,
Chancild 143, Leicester City Riders 83-

79. Second division: Bury Metros 82, Bridon Fop Cate 82, Bernstoy Generals 84, Bradrourne 71; Coventry Filers 88, Domosster Eagles 113, Gesenwich 82, Oktosen Celico 85, Middlesbrough Mohawis 102, Cardiff Buocaneers 91; Ware Robels 72, Physouth 70, Third division; Chestins Bulls 84, Sheffishir - Incurs 77; Mid-Sussex, Magic 103, Chilstop Fast; Break 91; Swandon 51; Solent Stars 82; Swandon 75; Bollett Stars 82; Swandon 75; Solent Stars 82; Swandon 76; Solent Stars 82; Swandon 76; Solent Stars 82; Swandon 76; Solent Stars 82; Swandon 51; Swandon 51; Solent Stars 82; Swandon 51; Swandon 51; Solent Stars 82; Swandon 51; Swan division: Cheshira 76, Donoaster 33.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Friday's games: Minneacta Timbervolves 104, Boston Califos 94; Houston Rockets 111, Mismi Hest 107; New Jarsey Nets 104, Mismellens Bucks 97; Philipdisphie 76ers 102. Los Angeles Cippers 90; Detroit Pistons 86, Portisent Trail Blazzins 81; Chicago Bulis-115, Unsh. Jazz 90; Sealie Supersonics 94, Delies Mavericks 82; Phoenix Suns 118, Oriendo Magic 107; San Autonia Spura 128; Golden: State Warriers 120; Los Angeles Lakers 102. Denver Maggets 98, Saturday: Portland Trail Blazzers 115, Charlotte Hornets 83; Cleveland Cavellers 104. Philadelphia 76ers 102; Debruh Pistons 90, New Jersey Nets 88; Indiants Pacass 138. Adanta Hawks 115; New York Knicks 100, Boston Celtics 90; Wassingsom Buliers 107, Los Angeles Cippers 96; Mississonia Timberusolves 101, Utah Jazz 96; Cincago Bulis 108, Mismi Heat 95; Picuston Rockets 119, Seattle SuperSonics 115; Sant Antonio Spura 98, Derver Augusta 85; Sacramanto Kinga 108, Mismi Rest 95; Picuston Rockets 105 (O-1); Phoenix Suns 130, Golden State Warners 118.

NEW YORK: International Boxing Fed-eration super-middleweight champion-ship: Iran Baridey (US) bt Demin Van Horn (US, holder), rsg 2nd.

BOWLS MANCHESTER UNITY LIBERTY TRO-PHY: Lancashire 140, Derbyshire 112, Leicestershire 113, Northumberand 120, COUNTY MATCHES: Beriathre 138, Kent 145, Wilshire 43, Somersel 70.

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SHEFFIELD: Sydney: New
South Wales 331 and 244 (IT Bayliss 25, G
R J Methiews 67; B Countord 5-81);
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It cannot seen and seen Province won by 31 ture: LAHORE: England under-19 tour matrix Lahore 147 (M Hussain 60 not out; J Stepe 4-35, R Ballanger 4-30) and 55-0. England Under-19 331 (M Loye 111).

PERTIT: Tour matches (50 overs): British Deef 32 231-7 (P Ottsway 104, U Veijee 54); Western Australia 225-9 (L Townsend 4-46, S Karto 3-39). Match drawn, British Deef XI 101-8 (T Half 4-36); Australia von by one wic. Test match: British Deef XI 135 (M Smith 4-32) and 63 (P Jurgenstein 4-9, L Brown 3-8; Australia 229 (L Brown 2-8; Australia 229 (L Brown 2-8; Australia 229 (L Brown 2-8; Australia 229 (L Brown 2-8); Aust

FRIMLEY GREEN: World champlon-ships: Semi-finel: M Gregory (Eng) bt K Renny (Eng), 5-3. Finel: P Taylor (GB) bt Gregory, 8-5.

POOTBALL AFRICAN NATIONS CUP: Daker:
Group A: Cameroon 1 (Andre Kene
Beyls), Microcco 0.
UNDER-25 INTERNATIONAL: Argentine 3, Medoo 0 (in Mer del Pista).
EQUIDITION MATCH: United States
Olympic team 1, Paris Seint Germain 1 (in
Temps).

FREESTYLE SKIING FREESTYLE SKIING
BLACKCOMBE. Canada: World Cup:
Ballet Mert 1, L Sona (US), 28.00; 2, R
Pierce (Can), 27.50; 3, F Becker (Fr),
26.20. Women: 1, C Klassing (Switz),
27.20; 2, C Sechoz (Fr), 24.70; 3, M
Kember (Switz), 23.40. British: 8, J Snelt,
21.50; 14, V Simpson, 17.60; 15, J Curry,
18.40. Mogule: Macr. 1, E Greispiron (Fr),
25.75; 2, N Carmichael (US), 25.83; 3, C
Martin (US), 25.30. British: 48, N Nonroe,
14.70; 48, H Hutchison, 14.65, Women: 1,
0 Wienbrookt (US), 24.86; 2, M Corner
(US), 21.99; 3, L Mchrityre (US), 21.39.
British: 18, J Curry (GB), 10,18; 22, N
Forrest, 3.15.

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SANCTUARY COVE, Australia: Men's tournament: Leading final acores (Junyaria Index states): 285. R Davis 72, 57, 57, 17. 285. G Waits (NZ), 73, 69, 73, 70. 287. J Woodland 69, 68, 78, 74, 14 Baran (US), 70, 70, 71, 76, 898. P Fowler 71, 70, 76, 71; C Wannan 72, 70, 72, 74, 290. Z Zodic 71, 73, 78, 68; It Meethal (Japon), 75, 70, 71, 74, 291; J Stuman (US), 73, 71, 73, 74, R Raffarly (Rel, 57, 71, 76, 77; M Braciley (15), 70, 70, 72, 73, 292. G Kenny 71, 73, 76, 73; G Hyertatadi (Swe), 74, 72, 72, 73, 72, 73; J Czaid (Japon), 72, 75, 70, 75.

HARARE Zimbelowa Open: Final scoves: 272 M McNelly (Zim), 72, 85, 67, 188, 281; A Johnstone (Zim), 69, 72, 71, 69, 282. C Maltinam (Scot), 72, 72, 73, 75; J Chestham (Eng), 69, 74, 71, 71, 284; D Wood (Wales), 70, 70, 74, 285; C Cassals (Eng), 70, 73, 74, 68; M Chiestham (Engl., 69, 74, 71, 71, 224; D Wood (Waiss), 70, 70, 70, 70, 225; C Cassals (Engl., 70, 73, 74, 69; M Basancanay Fr.J., 75, 64, 77, 74, 290; M Aicholts (Engl., 73, 70, 72, 71; R. Fish (Engl., 72, 73, 69, 72, 287; P Affiniol (Engl., 71, 75, 74, 67; A de Sins (Zin), 75, 71, 71, 70; G Cassals (Engl., 69, 75, 71, 72

CARLSBAD, California: US Senior Tour Tournament Of Champions: Third round: 209: A Gelberger, 71, 67, 71, 212: C C Radriguez, 70, 73, 69, 214: L Trevino, 71, 67, 76, 216: S Crampton, 72, 71, 72, 218: D Weaver, 71, 72, 73, 217: C Coody, 73, 75, 69; H Hension, 73, 72, 72, 218: R Charles, 71, 72, 75; D Douglass, 73, 74, 71, 219: M HB, 75, 70, 74; J Ferner, 76, 73, 70, 220: L Ziegler, 76, 73, 71, 222: G Archer, 74, 75, 73, 223: R Thompson, 75, 76, 72, O Macody, 76, 78, 69; J Cobset, 76, 71, 71.

HOCKEY NEW DELHI: Indire Gendhi Sold Cup tournament: Men: Pool A: China 2, Polend 1; Bouth Korea 4, China 0; India 5, Polend 0. Pool B: New Zesland 2, Kenya

PERONR SOUTH LEAGUE: Middlesex, Berica, Bucks and Oxon regional: Windsor!, Hayes O. Surrey-Hampshire regional: Beaingstoke 0, Fleet 0; NatWest Bank 3, Alerton 0.

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: First division: Spaking 2, Bediord 1.
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CLUB MATCHES: Croydon MO 2, Templars 2: Eastcote 2, Lyone 0: Tumbridge Wells 5, Lloyde Bank 2.

NORTHERN PREMIER INDOOR LEAGUE (in Carabridge): Old Loughtonians 15, Spalding 5; Chivalrous Kinesea 4. Crostyx 5; Old Loughtonians 15, Spalding 5; Chivalrous Kinesea 4. Carabridge City 4; Harteston Magpies 6, Crostyx 5; Old Loughtonians 9, Cambridge City 4; Harteston Magpies 6, Crostyx 5; Old Loughtonians 9, Cambridge City 4; Harteston Magpies 6, Crostyx 5; Old Loughtonians 9, Cambridge City 2, Spelding 4, Crostyx 12; St Albans 7; PERONI SOUTH LEAGUE: Middlesex,

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Rodger Davis: won at

Sanctuary Cove

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Framinghem Coll 5, Norwich 1; Stowe 1, Magdelen 0; Hurstpierpoint 0, Charterhouse 0; Reed's 2, Wellington Bertshire 8.

TYPHOD NATIONAL WOMEN'S LEAGUE: First division: Chelmsford 1, First Personnel Surton Coldfield 1; Ealing 0, Leicester 2; Ipswich 8, Yete and South Glos 2; Stough 3, Hightown 1; Wirsbledon 2, Cititon 1.

TERRITORIAL LEAGUES: Womenc East: Blanests 3, Anchoriens 1; Bury St Edmunds 1, Copdock 0; Canterbury 1, Bedeheeth 1; Saracens 1; Redbridge 1; Sovanasis 2, Wellynn Garden City 0, North: Carleste 3, Croeby 1; Chester County Officers 1, Sunderland Badens 1; Great Harwood 4, Nawcastle 1; Il Case 0, Springheids 1; Poyton 5, Walkefield 1; Worksop 0, Ormschik Ford 1, South-Eastcote 0, Warchenor Hel 0; Reading 1, Tropars 2; Sunbury 1, Wolding 4; Winchestner 0, Chesm 3; Worthing 1, Southempton 0, West BAC 3, Weston 1; Frebrands 0, Taunton 0; Gloucester 2, Chellerham 1; Green Dragons 0, Exeter 0; Leominster 1, East Gloucestershine 4; Recland 0, Colwell 3, Wimborne 1, Bournamouth 1.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Friday: Butiato Sebres 8, Edmonton Oliars 2; Washington Capitals 7, Los Angeles Kings 4; Winnipeg Jets 8, Chicago Blackhawica 2; Calgary Flames 7, Pitta-burgh Penguirs 5, Saturday; Boston Bruns 5, Philadelphas Plyers 1, Edmonton Overs 5, Detroit Red Wings 5 (OT), Toronto Maple Leafs 4, New Jersey Devils 3, St Louis Blues 8, New York Islanders 3; New York Rangers 7, Ousbec Nordques 2; Minnesota North Stars 7, San Jose Sherks 4; Montreal Canadiens 3, Hartford Whelers 2.

BRINE NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Cheadle 16, Old Waconans E. Hudmeisen 8, Sheffield Steelers 7: Mellor 12, Asthon 9; Sale 5, Heaton Mersey 18; Sheffield University 0, Stockport 1. MOTOR RALLYING PARIS TO CAPE TOWN RALLY: Fitteenth stage (Namice, Angola to
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Waldegard, 11:57; 5, Shinozuka, 12:01. Motorcycles: 1, Orioli, 3hr 01min 44sec; 2, Magnaldi, at 23sec; 3, LaPorte, 4:45; 4, 3 Peterhansel (Fr), Yamaha, 7:18; 5, Arcarons, 15:23. NORDIC SKIING

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GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN, Germany: Men's World Cup: Downhitt 1, M Wassneier (Ger), 1min 50.58ec; 2. P Ortileb (Austra), 150.64; 3, H Tauscher (Ger), 151.25; 4, B Stemmte (Can), 151.45; 5, Helbarer (Switz), 151.54; 6, D Melver (Switz), 151.55; 7, J E Thorsen (Nor), 1.51.66; 8, A J Kutt (US), 151.69; 9, P Accola (Switz), 1.51.65; 10, M Girardeii (Lux), 151.69; British: R Duncan, 1.52.29. Overalt; 1, Hearzer -211ptiz: 2Kitt, 185; 3, Orlieb, 178; 4, L Stock (Austria), 180; 5, Wassneier, 140; 6, X Gigandei (Switz), 122 Super glant-elation: 1, P Holzer (It), Imin 17.09sec; 2, Accola, 1:17.12; 3, P Rzehak (Austria), 1:17.16; 4, A GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN, GE

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(Nor.). 1:17.77; 9. Thorsen. 1:17.84; 10. Glarardelli, 1:17.50. Oversell: 1, Accols.
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(Ger.). 1:18.76; 6. Wogt (Ger.). 1.19.13; 7.
A. Heas (Austriel). 1:19.29; 8. P. Kronberger
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COGNE, Italy: Men's 15km World Cup cross-country event: 1, 8 Dehile (Nor). 41min 18.5sec; 2, 7 Mogner (Swe). 42:02-2; 3, 8 Brors (Nor).42:08.1; 4, F Valbusa (t), 42:21.7; 5, V Ulvang (Nor). 42:30.7; 6, 7 Langi (Nor). 42:31.5; Overall: 1, Ulvang, (10)pts; 2, Dahlie, 97; 3, Langi, 50; 4, V Smirnov (Russia), 22 4 x 10km relay: 1, Sweden, 1hr 46min 03.8sec; 2, Norway, 1:46:04.0; 3, Finland, 1:46:19.7. Women's 30km cross-country event: 1, S Belmondo (ti), 13:551.2; 3, T Oybendahl (Nor), 1:36:38.1; 4, M Di Centa (ti), 1:37:04.5; 5, J Savolamen (Fe), 1:38:56.7; 6, H. Hegge (Nor), 1:39:03.9. Overall: 1, E Valbe (Russia) 95otts, 2, Belmondo, 71; 3, L Egenous (Faussia), 57: 4, Nilsen, 55: 4 x 5km relay: 1, Italy. 55min 03.3sec; 2, Finland, 55:20; 3, Norway, 55:05:9 Nations Cup standargs: 1, Norway, 57:2pts; 2, Commonwealth of Independent States, 372, 3, Finland, 299; 4, Italy, 261; 3, Sweden, 201; 6, Czechoslovalos, 125.
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Neminen (Fin), 137pta; 2, W Pathmayer
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AUCKLAND: ATP tournament: Semi-finals: J Yzaga (Peru) bt G Connell (Car), 64, 62, 64 Washington (US) bt M Zoecke (Ger), 62, 64 Final: Yzaga bt Washington, 76, 64.

ADELAIDE: Men's challenge tournament: Second round: J Courier (US) by J McEnroe (US), 6-3, 6-4; S Edberg (Swe) by G Ivansevic (Croelle), 3-6, 6-1, 4-1, ret MIDDLESBROUGH: VW national series serti-final: Men: M Barnard Di G Fowler, 5-7, 6-3, 6-1; M Watt bt B O'Connor, 7-5, 6-0. Women: L, Periuns bt S Borwell, 6-0, 6-3; J Wray wo E Fletcher, scr.

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Ferguson still has plenty in reserve

Manchester United 1

By Stuart Jones FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

BOLTON Wanderers reserves will walk out today with an acute sense of inadequacy. The opposition, which will include the former England captain, the young player of year last season and four other players who have represented England internationally, makes up a cavalry waiting impatiently to charge over the hill for the sake of Manchester United.

For more than a month, Bryan Robson, Mike Phelan, Mark Robins, Lee Martin and Danny Wallace have been inactive. Lee Sharpe has also been restricted to the odd and usually abbreviated outing with the first team. All are to resume this afternoon.

Whereas the reserves have been idle - their Central League programme has been suspended since December 10 — the seniors have been busy, especially against Leeds United, and the strain shows.

Alex Ferguson, during a protracted apology in the programme on Saturday, described "the awful, abject failure" against Queen's Park Rangers on New Year's day as "our greatest debacle".

The United manager admitted that the opening dozen minutes against Everton provoked fears of another catastrophe at home. A defence that has recently lost cohesion, and conceded ten goals in the previous five games, was split down the middle again and could easily

have let in a couple more. The recovery was never wholly convincing and Beardsley, vying with Webb as the most perceptive indi-vidual, later fashioned clear openings for Warzycha and ottee, either of which should

have been worth a point. No wonder, then, that Ferguson was relieved. Compared to the vivid pictures inted during the Rumbelows Cup triumph at Elland Road in midweek, his side put on show a row of dull

smudges. On either side of the interval, though, they were struck by the necessary

After Hughes had nudged the foot of a post with a glancing header. Bruce threaded a gloriously incisive pass through the Everton back four. Kanchelskis demonstrated his explosive speed before deftly steering in his sixth goal of the season.

His contribution in attack was matched by Parker in defence. Developing into more than a limpet of a markpreviously concealed creative ideas up the right flank and deserves to fill the same role against France at Wembley next month.

Significantly, Graham Taylor, before travelling to Gothenburg for the Europe-Friday, chose to visit Old Trafford. The impression left by Parker contrasted with that of Pallister, the giant central defender whose after-

noon was littered with errors. He, more than anyone else. appears to have suffered from the "War of the Roses" but Ferguson insists that "the gruelling fixtures against Leeds have taken a lot" out of each member of his line-up. More will be extracted during the delayed FA Cup third-round tie on Wednesday.

Although muscles have tightened over the last two games -- both staged on heavy pitches -- he is not expected to change his winning side. There is no need to rush Robson back before he is ready, as has been the case in

Inevitably, though, Ferguson will have to inject an air of freshness to boost the club's challenge for the champion-ship. Those who are being kept in reserve, and the list includes Irwin, will go back on parade today with the hope that he makes the decision sooner rather than later. MANCHESTER UNITED: P Schmeichelt I Parker, C Blackmore (sub. M Donaghy), S Bruca, N Webb, G Pallister, A Kanchelskia, P Ince, B McClair, M Hughes, R Gigge. EVERTON: N Southelf, M Jackson, M

(sub: R Atteveld), M Ward, J Ebbrel, F Beagne (sub: A Cottee), M Johnston, P Beardsley Refere: T Holbrook.



Standing the strain: Graham, left centre, and his opposite number, Ron Atkinson, at Highbury

Arsenal's decline continues

"ARE they getting worse, or are they are just getting worse?" The old, sarcastic supporters' cliché could be heard a dozen times as the underground train rattled away from Highbury. Hav-ing stretched Tottenham in the FA Cup last week, Aston Villa now severely embar-rassed Arsenal in the

League during a 0-0 draw. Arsenal's season continues to decline around them. In the Rumbelows Cup against Coventry, the European Cup against Benfica, the FA Cup against Wrex-ham and now the League, in which they lie seventh, their form has fallen apart. All competitions are proving beyond the grasp of the

League champions.
On Saturday's evidence, against a lively and somewhat unorthodox Villa, the situation may indeed get worse before it gets better, never mind George Gra-ham's persistent but slight-ly strained assurances to the contrary.

Although something of a midfield artist himself — Stroller", they called him functional Arsenal team, he produced as a manager was more notable for function than flair. Arsenal stopped others from playing now, as on Saturday,

by others, and they don't have the flair to break out. It could be said in their favour that Bould and Limpar, both injured, and Wright, suspended, were missing, but that only served to demonstrate another problem: that reserves such as Campbell Carter, Groves and Pates are not up to the level needed by such an ambitious club.

they, too, are being stopped

The crowd, quite apart from general abuse by dis-satisfied customers directed at its team as Daley and Regis sliced this way and that through Arsenal's rearguard, was demanding the removal of the unfortunate Carter long before Groves replaced Merson; and that brought even more disap-

Trends in football, suc-Graham matured in a celerating. If Arsenal are in League which they helped decline, Villa are ascendant. and the championship team Richardson is playing with

a true captain's drive alongside the fluid Yorke; Mc-Grath, the opposite of Adams, looks clumsy but defends with rugged authority; up front. Daley frightens any defence with his electric, erratic running, while Regis gives the attack pivot-

al direction. When Arsenal were at their collective peak, Dixon and Adams, in spite of certain limitations, were able to be assured. That position has gone: the centre of Arsenal's defence is being turned uncomfortably and too regularly, while Dixon is looking more a runner-andbooter these days. Yet the real problem for Arsenal, I feel, is in midfield, where Rocastle is poorly support-ed. Hillier does not seem the answer, while Merson is

more forager than creator.
It is, of course, increasingly difficult to find in the Football League any players with the touch of a Brook-ing or Ardiles, simply be-cause the style of play allows no one any time. Arsenal are suffering from a establish.

The first half was dreary

in the extreme. Daley was constantly threatening, and Arsenal's best moment came when Smith, turning sweetly past McGrath, dropped the ball in front of Campbell, who failed to control it. At the other end, O'Leary might have brought a goal for Villa when he passed back straight to Daley's feet, Sea-

man rescuing the situation. Merson fired over the bar from 18 yards, and the half ended with Sealey saving spectacularly as Campbell shot first time from Rocastie's square pass.

Arsenal continued to live dangerously during much of the second half, Smith having squandered an open goal from ten yards that might have given them some stability. Regis, likewise, missed at the other end, Scaman saving well, and the latter part of the match was distinguished mainly by the howis of anguish from the grandstand. ASTOR VALLE C. Sease; D. Kittick, B. Smell, S. Fraile, P. McGesth, K. Richardson, A. Dailey, S. Froggett, G. Parker, C. Ragis, D. Yorke, Referee: K. Hackett.

ampton manager, was still able to see a chink of light after the 4-2 home defeat against Sheffield United on Saturday (Russell Kempson writes).

2, we were in control and should have won it." His side

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is now two points adrift at the against Manchester United recently a mere fading memory. Penrice then revived Rangers with two goals to

Coppell, the Palace manager, subsequently decided that he will no longer attend postmatch press conferences

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because of the adverse publicity his club has attracted in recent months. Steve wants to get back to basics rather than get sidetracked by controversy," Alan Smith, Coppell's assistant, said. "We have been talking about the wrong things and we need to

calm down. The Nottingham derby finished 1-1, too. Forest scored through Black, Dryden lev-

Allen's surprises turn around Chelsea's season

Tottenham Hotspur...... 0

CHELSEA brought an ab-rupt halt to their slide down the first division with an exellent performance at Stamford Bridge on Saturday that suggested something may yet be salvaged from the wreck-

age of another disappointing

BY KEITH BLACKMORE

True, Tottenham were without Lineker and Durie, both injured, and may have had their minds on other things, like their FA Cup replay with Aston Villa tomorrow. But Chelsea's superiority was so complete that their manager, Ian Porterfield, had every right to feel encour-

aged.
"That was our second clean sheet in a row," he said. "It's very important. Good sides are built from the back. I don't think Spurs created two

chances all afternoon." Much of the credit for that must go to the central defenders, Cundy and Elliott, who were simply too good for Walsh and Nayim, but Chelsea had important contributors all over the place. Townsend was his usual immaculate self, rounding up the loose ball without hurry or fuss before distributing it with

precision. Often enough, he sought out Wise, who had one of those days which make his England caps seem less than preposterous.But it was Clive Allen who really caught the eye. In the seven League

player willy addie games he has played since arriving from Manchester City, he has scored five goals. the latest coming after 12 minutes on Saturday.

Collecting Stuart's pass, he ran across goal before squeezing a shot between Thorstvedt and his near post. Tottenham should have needed no reminding of Allen's abilities as Peter Shreeves, their manager, wearily observed afterwards.

From where he was, most strikers are supposed to aim, for the far corner," he said That's what they're taught But he went the other way and it screamed in That's Clive for you. The element of surprise. I've been seeing him'. do that sort of thing since he

Allen sprang another surprise in the second half, turning goalmaker. Picking up Townsend's clever pass, he wriggled past two challenge efore delivering the ball to Wise, who chipped nearly over the goalkeeper.

It was no more than Chelsea or Tottenham deserved. as Shreeves was quick to acknowledge. He had to look. elsewhere for comforts; Lineker is expected to return tomorrow, as is Durie, who came through 70 minutes. with the reserves. "At least

Luton's bad habit proves expensive

Liverpool .. Luton Town ...

By IAN ROSS

FOR one who has an enviable ability to illuminate even the darkest corner with his selfdeprecating humour, David Pleat, the Loton manager, out-turned Nogan's harmless a sad and despondent figure cross into his own net. after a prospective victory had defeat in the dying minutes of the game against Liverpool at Anfield on Saturday.

After rebuffing a succession of incisive assaults to move within five minutes of the final whistle with their onegoal advantage intact. Luton lost both their poise and

Although the present Liverpool side may lack the ruthless streak of old, it is still capable of accepting an invi-

tation to punish hesitancy. "That must be the tenth time this season that we have conceded late goals," Pleat said. "The problem was that we had young boys out there who did not know how to kill a game. In the end the

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pressure of playing at Anfield overtook them.

It was the withdrawal of the injured Preece, shortly afterthe interval, that reduced Linton's effectiveness as they sought to defend the advantage which had been gifted to them in the 31st minute when Tanner inexplicably

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Even so. Liverpool's firrish that Tanner's misfortune seemed destined to divide the. teams until the Luton defence, to a man, lost concentration.

Four minutes remained: when McManaman tappedi in from close range after. Wright had headed on Houghton's hopeful cross.

The game had entered its third minute of injury times when Saunders arrived at the near post to convert one of: Barnes's better passes.

LIVERPOOL B Grothelear, R Jones, R Molby (sub: R Rosember, S Nicol, M. Wight, N Tanner, D Saunders, R Houghton, S Michanesman, J Bannes, R Thomas.
LUTON TOWN: S Sutton: J James, R Harvey, C Kamara, J Dreyer, T Pusies, R Hervey, C Kamera, J Drayer, Teller, S Stein, K Nogan, M P. Presce (aub: S Celes). Referee: W Burns.

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manager of Everton, has 25, has been unable to comagain turned to the reserve mand a regular first-team team of his neighbours, Liverpool, to strengthen his own squad (Ian Ross writes).

Gary Ablett, the England B international defender, completed a £750,000 transfer from Anfield to Goodison Park late on Saturday night and is expected to make his debut in next Sunday's home have bought a useful dual-

Barclays League First division

HOWARD Kendall, the tingham Forest. Ablett, aged place at Liverpool this season. despite the club's extensive catalogue of injury problems.

"I have admired Gary for some time." Kendall said, admitting to having tried to sign him when at Manchester City. "Although he will be filling the left-back position. I League game against Not- purpose footballer."

Second division

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Branfoot hopeful despite Southampton defeat

IAN Branfoot, the South-

"It was all down to stupid individual errors," he said. "It may sound daft but take them out and it was as well as we've played all season. At 2bottom of the first division table. Le Tissier and Hall scored for Southampton, who fell for the seventh time at The Dell this season. United, also embroiled in the relegation fray, replied with two goals from Lake and one each from Ward and Marwood.

Oueen's Park Rangers their sparkling 4-1 victory

pinch a point. Manchester City also left it late to scrape a draw at Crystal Palace, a Curle penalty cancelling out a Bright effort just before half-time. Steve

elled for County. WEEKEND FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES First division HAMILTON (1) 2 AYR UTD Clark 6 Bryce 71 McCluskey 89 1 530 (O) O (2) 2

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BÉAZER HOMES LEAGUE Premier division: Cheimsord 3, Burton 1; Dorchester 2, Moor Green 2; Poole 1, Crawley 1; Trowbnidge 1, Waterlooville 1. Possiponed: Corby v Halesowen. Southern division: Astriard 0, Buckingham 0; Beldock 2, Andower 3; Braintree 4, Burnham 3; Bury 2, Dunstable 5; Fernham 2, Situngboune 1; Hastings 4, Gosport Borough 0; Havant 3, Hythe 1; Mexport 10W 0; Enth and Belvedere 1; Sudbury 3, Canterbury City 3; Wirthy 0, Mergate 0, Midland division: Alvechurch 1, King's Lyrn 1; Hirckley 1, Barry 2; Leleaster Urd 2, Nuneaton Borough 1; Reddickh 1; Dudley 0, Rustbean 1, Gramtham 1; Solitul Borough 2, Tamworth 1; Stourbridge 3, Bindgnorth 3, Postponed: Bedworth v Yote, Hednesford v RC Warnek.

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LEE Chapman raced up the first division goalscorars' table with his trable at Hillsborough. Others gained ground on Aldridge's tally of 28, Holdsworth is just two behind and Bamber has 24. Stoke and Barnet had their first sentdings-off of the seasop, the fourth division club having two tlawers resources. Newbloging 19 McCalloch 29 Girrour 57
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Outplayed

County

stand their

ground

that, on days such as this

gives them the beating of

anyone. With Gemmill

prompting. Keane running.

Woan covering, Glover ferreting away in front of them and, above all, Pearce

maintaining the ferocious pace, they laid on an exhibi-

tion of the finer arts of foot-

ball. It was festival stuff,

County could do nothing

scored eight before half-time

nobody in the ground would

Yet they only scored once,

after three minutes, when Black drove through Cherry's fingers high into the net.

After that, heroic goal-

keeping, the woodwork and some dreadful finishing pre-

venting the rout everyone expected. Though the siege was relentless, County, some-

how, held on Surely they

would fold in the second half?

chosen words from Warnock,

a reshuffle at the back and

Chris Short's new devotion to

man-marking Keane changed everything. As County returned to fray in midfield, Dryden equalized with a deep header.

Bartlett, on as a substitute

caused problems with his pace while, at the other end,

Cherry remained inspired

When Pearce hit the wood-

work three minutes from the

end, the die was cast. The big

club's class had been

matched by the little club's

MOTTINGHAM FOREST: M Crossley, C Charles (sub: G Crosby), S Peace, I Weller, C'Tier (sub: D Wassell); R Kenne, I Black, S Gemmill, L Glover, E Sharingham,

Worn.
NOTTS COUNTY: S-Cherry: C-Palmer, A
Penis, Cralg Short, R Dryden, Chris Short,
D Thomas, P Turner, P Harding, A Agains,
(auto: K Bertlett), T Johnson (auto: S

the disappointment of miss-

year, both clubs are coming back in style. Only some taste-

less abuse directed at Mullen, Blackpool's former manager,

and his family spoiled a satis-

When Burnley and Black-

pool were at the height of

their powers, Barnet were still

amateurs. They sometimes

defend as if they still are, and

they also went down 5-2, at

home to Rotherham, who

joined them on 43 points,

leaving Mansfield the main

beneficiaries of the leaders'

In the third division Breat-

ford beat Stoke, who had

Wayne Biggins sent off, in the

day's most significant game.

PLACKPOOL: J Keerton: D Burgess, P Stonemen, P Groves, D Kerr, I Gore, A Rockwell, A Gauck, D Burston; D Syes, BURNLEY: M Kendel: I Meantern, J Jalach, S Devis, J Pender, A Festell, S Harpert, daub A Randell, J Deery, J Francis, M Congres, R El.

fying afternoon.

Not a bit of it: some well-

have been surprised.

it and had Forest

Nottingham Forest..... 1

Notis County 1

BY PETER ROBINSON

THE cheer that greeted the final whistle said it all: those that saugh last last loudest

Taunted from the terraces,

their team exposed and at

times hopelessly overrum in-front of them. Notes County's

outnumbered band bellowed

their celebration when 90

minutes of this Nottingham derby came to an end. The

points may have been shared,

but the moral victory be-longed to them.

This was a point defiantly won, and two points stupidly lost. It was a point proved and

a lesson learned. It was also,

undeniably, Notts County's day. Neil Warnock's smile

was ample evidence of that.

that does make me feel a lot better," the County manager said. "We came here and got a point and after a bad first

half, we didn't let our disap-

pointment get to us. It would

have been easy to buckle and

throw the towel in, but we

stuck at it. I was pleased for the supporters."

were. The batting began an hour before the kick-off. In-

termittent chants of "four-nil,

four-nil" rang from the Forest supporters as they reminded their visitors of their winning

margin at Meadow Lane ear-

lier in the season. "What's it

like to see a crowd?" they

asked. They were answered by a solemn silence, one that

barely lifted throughout the

And with good reason: For-

est were glorious. They struck

one of those rich veins of form

Burnley and Blackpool, fash-

ing football to provide a

forceful argument for main-

set-up.

taining the existing League

in the process of having

their defence exposed by

Blackpool's fast, sweeping

raids in a 5-2 reverse, only

their second defeat in 21

matches since Jimmy Mullen

took over as manager, Burn-

key also lost their place at the

tep of the fourth division. But

it was a scoreline along with

the vibrant all-ticket crowd

and a winger in the familiar

tangerine No. 7 shirt -

Rodwell - who played a big

part with two goals that made

it tempting to recall the days

when Blackpool and the Lan-

cashire cotton-town teams

were giants in the land, and

some potential premier

leaguers were also-rans in the

:- Blackpool's convincing ar-

gument for their own survival

third division south.

Bygones are eager

to put their cases

BY PETER BALL

AT THE weekend, two of the was only marginally more im-sport's former great powers, pressive than Burnley's After

ioned a game of open, attack- ing out in the play-offs last

Not half as pleased as they

"We had a bad week, but

Forest unable to convert pressure into points in Nottingham derby

By KEITH MACKLIN

ONLY those who saw the

Regal Trophy final at Wigan

will fully comprehend what

happened. Leeds, unbeaten

in 11 matches and at full

strength except for the long-absent Ellery Hanley, were

clear favourites to beat a

Widnes side with a makeshift

pack, a third-choice scrum

half in Dowd, and a recent

This was to be the day when

the great Leeds revival was

sealed. Doug Laughton to

lead his new team to triumph

against the club with which he enjoyed a decade of contin-

What happened was that Leeds were devastated as

Widnes tore into them from

the first minute to the last,

snuffing out the threats of the

international half backs.

Schofield and Goulding, and

ripping the allegedly im-

proved Leeds defence to

That Leeds were not

allowed to score deepened the embarrassment for them and

for the supporters who pro-

vided the majority of the

17,000 crowd at Central

Park. Leeds never looked like

scoring, and their only token gestures of defiance were iso-lated wing breaks by Bentley

and Ford, and one kick ahead

and re-gather by Goulding in

Widnes were without their

powerful southern hemi-

sphere forwards, Koloto and

Faimalo, and their scheming scrum half, David Hulme,

and they took the risk of

dropping the out-of-form

his only spark of life.

slump in form.

LIDUS SUCCESS.

shreds.

GOLF

Putter win

is at the

cost of an

air ticket

by 2 and 1. Cox's modesty was under-standable as in four previous Putters he had fallen at the first hurdle. His record now reads, more impressively, played 11, won 7, lost 4. If. then, a place even in the semi-final exceeded his own ambitions he had arrived with no intention of being mere can-

He has, he said, been moving about too much in recent years to keep his game together, but he has been playing seriously for six months and, as he showed yesterday, has developed a compact, eco-

nomical swing.

Cox. who originates from Southampton, came closer to defeat in the semi-final yesterday against Chris Nevill, a flying doctor from Kenya Cox was four up after eight, all square after 15 and squeezed home with a birdie four at the first extra hole.

Edmund had similarly dispatched John Behrend, aged 58, with a four at the 19th in the morning. An embarrass ing half, almost requiring the use of a calculator, had sent them out again, Behrend maintaining that "the legs were all right, but the mind had gone". Edmund went from all

square at the turn in the final to three down at the 12th, where he drove onto collected rubbish the wrong side of the old railway track. "Ground under disrepair", someone called it. But the free drop availed him naught.

RESULTS: Rith round: P J Hogg (St Catherine's, Cambridge) bt A Disley (Brasenose, Oxford), 1 hole; A G Edmond (Trinity, C) bt D I Wisson (Magdalene, C), 7 and 8; J E Behmand (Corpus Christi, O) bt R J Bisson (Christ Chusch, O), 4 and 2; P Dawson (Corpus Christ, C) bt M W M R MecPhae (Corpus, Christ, C) bt M W M R MecPhae (Christ, O), 2 and 1; A P Stacey (Rizwillam, C) bt J J M Capian (Magdalen, C), 1 hole; M R Cax (Girton, C) bt J M T Warman (Selwyn, C), 3 and 2; C G Nevill (Caus, C) bt J Hampel (St Anne's, O), 4 and 3; M J Resce (St Catherne's, C) bt C D Mencher (Rizwilliam, C), 19th. Shift round: Edmond bt Hogg, 6 and 5; Behrand bt Dawson, 2 and 1; Cox bt Stancey, 2 and 1; Nevill bt Recc, 1 hole. Sami-finals: Edmond bt Behrend, 19th; Cox bt Nevill, 19th, Finel: Cox best Edmund, 2 and 1.

McNulty feels at home with Open success

Harare: Mark McNulty proved the value of local knowledge at Royal Harare yesterday when he brushed aside all challengers in the Zimbabwe Open (a Special

Correspondent writes). His final round of 68, for an aggregate of 272, left him nine shots ahead of his nearest rival, fellow Zimbabwean, Tony Johnstone, and ten shots clear of Craig Maltman and John McHenry, of

Britain. ☐ Gold Coast, Australia: Rodger Davis shot a five-overpar 77 but held on to win the Sanctuary Cove Classic for the second year. Davis's 283 total beat Grant Waite, an American-based New Zealander, by two shots. (AP)

Dowd played their hearts out in a tremendous per-

vies constantly driving Leeds back, and Tait and Devereux surging through in support of the Sorensen-led forwards, Widnes attacked constantly. The man-of-the-match award went to the loose forward, Holliday, who did more in 58 minutes on the field than the whole complement of Leeds

Holliday landed a dropped goal and then collected his own neat chip over the defence for Wright to send in Davies for the first try. Davies adding the goal. In the opening half. Widnes had three tries disallowed and Davies missed a simple penalty, otherwise the scoreline would have been even more one-

In the second half, the demolition continued as Widnes exorcised two ghosts, the loss of Laughton to Leeds and the troubled departure of Martin Offiah to Wigan.

Holliday collected his own high kick to touch down for the second try, as Edwards made his only fumble, and then it was Holliday's pass which sent Devereux galloping down the right to cross

The final try, giving Widnes their first Regal Tro-phy triumph for 13 years, was a triumph for two prop forwards, the substitute, Grima, crashing through to send Sorensen galloping over from 25 metres.

hooker, McKenzie, normally the mainspring of their

It made no difference, as reserves Smith, Howard and

MARTIN Offiah got his first

Wigan to bring his season's total to 22. The match at St Helens

ended in a fracas involving nearly all the players except the home captain. Shane Cooper, who occupied himself by practising kicking goals while the fury erupted at the other end. When the turmoil was sorted out, Nickle of St Helens and Clark. and Fisher, of Featherstone Rovers, were sent off. St Helens won 28-10.

SOUTHEND LINITED: P Sansome: Austin, C Powell, K Jones (sub: P Buffer), Scully, S Prior, A Anseh. J Comwell, Tison, I Benjamin, B Angel. DERBY COUNTY: P Shilton; M Pasteres Colemen, A Comyn, M Chall. Commodicard, M Statland, J Davidson, Sturridge (sub: S Hayward). Raferee: A Ward. HOCKEY

individuals, McMinn and Paul Williams, had been fit,

the outcome might have been

different. County, whose pro-

motion push is faltering, may

rue the decision to sell

Harford, the former England

Southend lack class players

but the likes of Cornwell,

Scully, Benjamin and Angell

appear prepared to jump

through hoops of fire for

Sunderland's 6-2 home

win against Millwall means

that the Wearsiders have won

every game since the dismiss-

mas. Ironically, the match

featured three goals from

Goodman, whose £1 million signing was virtually Smith's

Blackburn Rovers stay top

after a 4-0 truimph against

Bristol City, but a Payton's goal, against Ipswich Town, ensured that Middlesbrough

So do Cambridge United.

whose 2-0 win at Swindon

Town featured a goal from Neil Heaney. On loan from

Arsenal, he travelled to Wilt-

shire for the ride; when

O'Shea ricked his back before

the kick-off, he was promoted

to substitute and came on to

last act at Roker Park.

remain in the hunt.

Denis Smith at Christ-

forward, to Luton Town.

Germans overcome Scots holders

By Sydney Friskin

champions, settled for fourth place after losing 11-3 to Austrian All Stars. Jennings scored twice to finish top scorer with 18 goals, two ahead of Christi, of

Menzieshill.

Both semi-finals were decided in sudden-death playoffs yesterday morning and

Lee and Wallis, from a shor corner, replied for East Grinstead.

With the long kicks of Da-

players in 80 minutes.

kick for Tait to get there first.

25 MICITES.
SCORIERS: Widnes: Tries: Davies, Holllday, Tall, Screwen, Goels: Davies (3)
Dropped goels: Holliday, Davies.
LEEDE: M. Edwards, P. Ford, D. Creasser, S.
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Schoffeld, R. Goulding: S. Warne (sub: S.
Molloy), R. Gunn, M. O'Nieill, R. Powell, P.
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WIDNIES: A. Tair, J. Devereux, A. Currier, D.
Witght, M. Sarsfield (sub: P. Atcheson); J.
Davies, B. Dowch, K. Soensen, P. Holliday (sub: J. Grires).
Pellaries: B. Geltress (Bradford)

Offiah is off the mark

try for Wigan in the 63rd minute of his second match as his new club established a three-point lead at the top of the first division with a 28-22 win at Bradford yesterday (Keith Macklin writes). Northern scored three late tries through Shelford, Marchant and Cordle to make the scoreline more

respectable. Ironically, Offiah's try was made for him by an unselfish final pass from David Myers. the man he has replaced in the Wigan threequarter line.

Swinton slumped to

another heavy defeat at home to Halifax, for whom Austin Edwards scored two tries for scored three tries.

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nary round: Kells 17, Huli Do Waterfield 32, Huddersfield 18. STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Bradford 22, Wigan 28: Castlelord 28, Selford 12: St Helens 28, Featherstone 10; Swinton 4, Helitax 32.

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Gourlay's record

DAVID Gourlay ir, of Prestwick, yesterday became the first player to complete a clean sweep of all six CIS Insurance Scottish indoor powls championships.

Gourlay, a past winner of the junior singles, triples, fours and two-bowl pairs, last month won the national singles championship and yesnerday's win in the pairs completed his feat.

Barkley champion Boxing: Iran Barkley stopped his fellow-American, Darrin Van Horn, midway through the second round to become the new International Boxing Federation super-middleweight champion.

CIS compete Olympic Games: The Commonwealth of Independent States will field "united

teams" for the Winter and Summer Olympics. Yzaga's title Tennis: The unseeded Jaime

Yzaga, of Peru, overcame

MaliVai Washington, 7-6, 6-

4, in the final of the New

Zealand Open. 1-

Athletics: The world champ-

Ginther excels

Schruns in Austria.



CLUB An Der Alster won the St Albans, the English

score.

Glenfiddich international indoor tournament at Kelvin Hall, Glasgow, after a 6-3 victory over NMP Menzieshill, of Dundee, the holders. The scores were tied at 2-2 at the end of a tranquil first half, but in an more explosive second period, the Germans

Power and precision: Black, scorer of Nottingham Forest's goal on Saturday

Southend stay on course

Southend's organisation on it

is impressive. So much so

that, despite playing scrappi-

ly, they dominated an under-

strength Derby on Saturday.

to feet more frequently, and

had the crossing of Andy

Ansah been more accurate,

County could have departed

heavy losers. Even so, the

Derby defence capitulated on

30 minutes when, after a one-

two with Benjamin, Ansah

cut in from the right to beat

Shilton. Although he embar-

rassed Forsyth to the extent

that the Derby left back was

withdrawn, Ansah delivered

only one telling centre — from

trophy could at last be on its

"On paper it has got to be

the easier draw," their man-

ager, Alex Ferguson, said.
"Our players have tasted the
Wembley atmosphere and

they want to get back there. That will be a big incentive."

Tottenham Hotspur will

play the winners of the Crys-

tal Palace-Nottingham For-

est quarter-final replay and

like Manchester United will

SEMI-PINAL DRAW: Crystal Palsos or Notlingham Forest v Tottenham Hotspur; Petarborough or Middlestrough v Manchester United. First legs, February 9 or 12. Return legs, Merch 1 or Merch 4.

be away in the first leg.

which Tilson miscued.

If Derby's most ta

way to Trafford.

Lawrence imposes gag

THE Middlesbrough man- forgiven for thinking that the

Had they delivered the ball

took an unassailable lead.

Barkley: quick time

Leaders stretch gap

THE contenders were sorted from the pretenders in the Typhoo National League on Saturday (Alix Ramsay writes).

As the four leading clubs all played one another, victory for Slough and Leicester edged them further ahead of the pack led by Hightown and Ealing.

Hightown knew what they had to do to beat the champions but, while they followed their game plan well, they could not convert what chances came their way. Slough opened the scoring

against Hightown, Karen and South Gloucester.

Brown breaking from midfield down the right to set up Kate White for a simple chance. Three minutes later, Hightown tried the same ploy for Tina Cullen to equalise.

After the break, Slough stepped up a gear with goals by Sam Wright and Kate Parker. Leicester managed to break their league duck against Ea-

ling, winning 2-0. Meanwhile, with attention focused elsewhere, Ipswich took their chance to creep into third place from sixth with an 8-2 victory over Yate

	SNOW REPORTS	1. N. N.
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by the same score, 7-6. In the		-2 10/1
one case there was passion and eventual ecstacy when	Klosters	0 10/1
McPherson scored the win- ner for Menzieshill against St	(Fresh powder; 150cm of snow on glacier; 58 lifts open)	
Albans; in the other, sheer clinical efficiency enabled the	Arosa	-6 10/1
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First winners

Southend United ...

By LOUISE TAYLOR

THE manager regularly acts as caller at the club's over-60s

bingo afternoons, their most

expensive player cost £175,000, and the ground is built on what used to be a

In short, Southend United

are unlikely Premier League

candidates. Yet David

Webb's team occupies the sec-

ond promotion position and

is on course for visits to

If off-the-pitch arrange-

ager, Lennie Lawrence, has

banned everyone at the club.

including the chairman, from

talking publicly about the

prospect of two Rumbelows

Cup semi-final games with

Lawrence, whose team is

chasing a place in the Pre-

mier League, refuses to accept

that the quarter-final replay

against Peterborough United

on January 22 is a formality.

"It will be a tough hurdle and

as far as I'm concerned we

can look no further forward

Manchester United, beaten

by Sheffield Wednesday in

last season's final, could be

than that game," he said.

Manchester United.

Anfield and Old Trafford.

Derby County....

rubbish tip.

ionship gold medal winners, Kriss Akabusi and Liz McColgan, are the first winners of the athlete of the year awards by the newly formed British Athletic Federation. Britain's top race walkers. Les Morton and Betty Sworowski, have been pre-

selected for the Olympics.

Skiing: Sabine Ginther completed a fine weekend in the women's World Cup slalom and combination events yesterday. The Austrian, second in Saturday's downhill, went one better in the sialom at ● FOOTBALL 32, 33

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Chapman hat-trick carries Wilkinson's side back to the top of the first division

Leeds return in stunning style

Sheffield Wednesday 1 Leeds United..... 6

BY CLIVE WHITE

IF MANCHESTER United thought their defeat of Leeds United in the Rumbelows Cup last Wednesday had knocked the stuffing out of the Yorkshiremen, they had

better think again. Leeds's championship challenge is not about to crumble, as they demonstrated amply yesterday at Hillsbrough by seeing off the pretentious bid of Sheffield Wednesday with unquestionably the finest attacking performance seen this season.

Leeds now go into the third and final leg of their epic struggle with Alex Ferguson's team in Wednesday's FA Cup third round tie at Elland Road with their pride very much intact and as the first division leaders once again.

Not only did they overtake their Manchester rivals by a point but they also have a twogoal advantage in goal difference, thanks to this victory.

It was the first time that Leeds have hit anyone for six since their return to the first division two seasons ago, but a more impressive fact for the record books was that this was Wednesday's heaviest League defeat at home in their 125-year history.

Trevor Francis's team could hardly claim mitigating circumstances, since the absence of David Hirst and Paul Warhurst was surely cancelled out by the loss of Gordon Strachan and David Batty from Leeds' midfield. The difference was that Leeds coped admirably with their deficiency; Wednesday did

not. Lee Chapman, with a tre-

FIRST DIVISION

ble. Tony Dorigo. Rodney Wallace and Mark Whitlow were the men responsible for their record-breaking victory only in as much as they were at the sharp end of moves of rapier-like finishing from a Leeds team that was impressive all round.

One can offer them no higher praise than to say they turned the game against one of their closest rivals into a mismatch. Wednesday were stripped a lot more bare than the scantily-clad female who momentarily interrrupted the proceedings midway through the second half before Leeds got on with their own

Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds manager, could not have asked for a more triumphant rekturn to the club he left in October 1988, nor for a greater show of resilience from players who ought, by right, to have been reeling from last week's reverse against Manchester United.

They took a lot of stick after that defeat," Wilkinson said. "but the spirit was tremendous - as was the

By nature a hard man to

Wilkinson delighted

HOWARD Wilkinson, the match with a shin injury. manager of Leeds United. "What you saw out there was had words of sympathy for his former team, Sheffield Wed-presence at the club. The way nesday, after their worst he conducts himself on and home defeat in the League. "I off the pitch and the way he am happy enough with the lives has provided an example victory but I wish it had been somebody else who copped it," Wilkinson, who left Hillsborough for Elland Road in

October 1988, said. was first-class and Rod Wallace and Gary Speed were up and down the pitch all day."

Wilkinson also paid tribute Strachan, who missed the today,

to everyone.

Trevor Francis, the Wednesday manager, refused to use an influenza virus which has run through his team as "Lee Chapman's finishing an excuse. He said: "I don't want to talk too much about our problems. I would prefer to talk about Leeds - they were absolutely brilliant and to his captain. Gordon there was no living with them



Striking figure: Chapman celebrates the first of his three goals for Leeds at Hillsbrough vesterday

please, he added: "They couldn't have done better and you could not have asked for

No one would argue with television's selection of Chapman as the man of the match. though there were several other candidates, all of whom wore yellow. Dorigo was one of those who ran him close as he is to Pearce for the England left back position.

It was from Dorigo's surging run and shot that Leeds opened the scoring, after eight minutes. Woods just managed to tip the ball for a corner but he was only delaying what turned out to be a deeply humiliating afternoon for England's No. 1

From the corner by McAllister - assuming the reins of creative responsibility from Strachan — Fairclough headed the ball back to the near post, where Chapman turned adroitly to score.

The slaughter had begun. Breaking swiftly from midfield. Leeds managed to get behind the Wednesday defence with embarrassing ease, although it was a from a stunning 30-yard free kick by

the East Midlands yesterday.

other than to confirm that he will be talking to his counter-

part at the Football Associ-

Football's resistance to

change, however, may yet

ruin plans for the league's

lors decide the future direc-

tion of English football this

morning, only one thing is predictable — the unpredict-

Prospects of an elite, FA-

backed League starting on

time in August would be vir-

tually non-existant if a major-

Grootfontein, Namibia: Sal-

vatore Servia, of Spain, yes-terday gave Lada their first

stage victory in the Paris-

Cape Town Rally, breaking

the Mitsubishi-Citroen stran-

glehold on the race for a day.

however, by another bad acci-

dent, which left the French

motorcyclist, Francis Alti.

with head and facial injuries

and multiple fractures after

he swerved to avoid a rut and

slammed into an oncoming

Alti was due to have surgery

in Johannesburg, but his life

was not believed to be in

danger. Three men have al-

ready been killed on the rally.

by two Citroëns, driven by

Servia was followed home

The stage was marred.

ability of their reaction.

When the 88 FA council-

introduction next season.

Rick Parry, chief executive-

their advantage after 33 minutes.

Wednesday temporarily kept them in check when Sheridan followed up on his own penalty kick to score after Lukic had pushed his first effort against a post. The award, for a foul by Whyte on Watson, was highly debatable.

No matter. Leeds restored their two-goal advantage with another Chapman header and Wilkinson needlessly got himself booked for remarks that he made to a linesman. It was always going to be

difficult for Leeds to match that first-half performance but they still managed to add to their tally with further oals from Chapman and Whitlow - both headers and Wallace.

☐ Liverpool are interested in signing the Birmingham City pair, Mark Cooper, a midfield player, and Paul Mardon, a central defender. Cooper, valued at £200,000, will probably arrive on trial this week.

Mardon, who is rated at El million was due at Anfield today, but damaged knee ligaments have delayed the deal.

FA councillors hold key

Att: 32,228. Ref: P Don At Hillsborough. HT: 1-3. SHEFFIELD WED 1 LEEDS UTD 6 Chapman 8, 42, 66, Dorigo 33, Whitlow 70, Scorers: Sheridan 39 Hodge 30 Whitlow 63 (Shutt) **Bookings** Harkes 45 (Pearson) Williams 65 Davison 82 (Hodge) (Worthington) Corners (left/right) Crosses (left/right) 21 Free kicks/p SHEFFIELD WED (4-4-2) LEEDS UTD (4-4-2)

West Ham crowd is displeased

eight corners to Leeds's six. Both sides pumped the ball into the centre for their big men, Sheffield had 31 crosses to United's 38, the away team edging them in quality as well.

Compiled by Julian Desborough

AROUND 4,000 West Ham United supporters staged a demonstration on the pitch at Upton Park after the club's match with Wimbledon on Saturday. The protest was aimed at the board, which is trying to raise £15 million to modernise the ground in line with the Taylor Report (Rus-

The supporters are angry at the scheme whereby individuals must buy bonds to guarantee them the right of a seat in the revamped stadium. Before Saturday's match, board members discussed the issue with representatives from the supporters. In a statement, the club said: "Both parties felt the meeting was construc-tive and friendly and agreed to meet again shortly." After the game the peaceful yet clearly irate crowd took more than two hours to disperse.

Scotland are hit by loss of Armstrong

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

GARY Armstrong, a key fig-ure in the Scottish team over the last two seasons, is likely to miss much if not all of the five nations' rugby union championship. Armstrong, the Jed-Forest scrum half, withdrew yesterday from the Calcutta Cup match with England next Saturday after damaging medial ligaments in his left knee during the club match with Currie.

Even worse, as Scotland try to reconstitute their back row. is the loss of Graham Marshall, the Selkirk flanker. He will have an operation this week after damaging medial and cruciate ligaments of his right knee in the match with Warsonians on Saturday, and his playing future must be in considerable doubt.

Armstrong, aged 25, who will have an exploratory operation, faces an enforced rest of between six weeks and three months. His place against England goes to Andy Nicol, the uncapped Dundee HSFP player, while Marshall's place goes to Ian Smith, the Gloucester cap-tain, who will also win his first cap. Greig Oliver (Hawick) and Rob Wainwright (Edinburgh Academicals) join the replacements.

Nicol, aged 20 with two B caps, played three seasons for Scottish Schoolboys and made substantial progress on the tour to North America last year. Smith, a former England B representative, earns the reward for throwing in his lot with Scotland, which is where his grandparents came from, but the iniuries leave Scotland with three newcomers in the critical hinge — back row and half

England, who will train privately on Thursday before flying to Edinburgh, trained at Twickenham yesterday without Mickey Skinner (dead leg) and Jason Leonard (recovering from influenza and a turned ankle). Two replacements, David Pears and John Olver, were also unavailable, but Geoff Cooke, the team manager, said: "We don't envisage any problems."

The players are not affected by the contractual dispute between the Rugby Football Union and Cotton Traders over the shirts to be worn by England at Murrayfield. An over-simplification of that dispute two days ago may have implied some form of liability, which is not the case; indeed Cotton Traders, headed by three former England players, waited until after the World Cup before proceeding with the dispute, so as not to interfere with the playing preparations.

Robert Jones, the Welsh scrum half, went off with a dead leg during Swansea's defeat at Pontypool but is expected to be fit while Ireland's squad came through their training weekend intact. Philippe Sella, the Agen

centre, will captain France, vho have named a squad of 21 to train for their first championship game, against Wales on February 1. Didier Camberabero, the stand-off half named in the side, is doubtful after pulling a musde in his right leg.

England worry over Lawrence

From ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT IN AUCKLAND

ENGLAND'S pleasure at an emphatic one-day cricket win over New Zealand was diminished yesterday by increased fears that injury will rule their fastest bowler out of the first Test match, which starts next

Saturday.
David Lawrence remains under intensive treatment for a muscle strain in his left side. He missed the three-day game against a New Zealand XI, which started in Nelson today, and he is plainly not recovering as quickly as the tour party had hoped.

Micky Stewart, the team manager, said last night: The next couple of days will tell us how serious an injury it is. By Wednesday, we should have a much better idea of his Test prospects."

Lawrence made a considerable impact on the early games of the tour, his natural



Lawrence: treatment

speed being complemented by improved control, and he is one of England's two best attacking bowlers for the three-Test series.

The other — the left-arm spin bowler, Phil Tufnell played his part in the sevenwicket victory on Saturday by bowling ten overs for 17 runs.

Tufnell, however, continues to attract extreme crowd reaction and the England management yesterday took the unusual step of issuing a statement deploring a "re-grettable" incident in which the Middlesex bowler was struck by a peach thrown from the terraces.

Having played in all the earlier games, Tufnell was rested for the today's fixture. in which Alex Stewart was given another chance to demonstrate his credentials as an

opening batsman.

New Zealand, badly shaken by the setback on Saturday, have delayed the announcement of their party for the Christchurch Test until tomorrow.

A remarkable cricket week-end in Auckland concluded yesterday with Sir Richard Hadlee playing in a charity match — his first active crick-et since understand et since undergoing heart surgery - and the England women taking command of their opening Test against New Zealand

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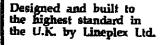
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By our Sports Staff REPRESENTATIVES of ity of council members decide who is chairman of the Footagainst rubber-stamping the football clubs hoping to form hall league shadow board. the new Premier League next formal constitution. season remained tight-lipped

"The FA council's approval after a three-hour meeting in

cannot be taken for granted," Parry, who has spent months drawing up detailed rules in designate, also said nothing consultation with first division clubs and lawyers, con-If he is sent back to the drawing board by council ation, Graham Kelly, before the meeting today which could give the go-ahead to the

members it will leave just six months for a mass of details to be finalised before the scheduled kick-off. As Kelly has said: "A possible scenario is that the coun-

cillors will express their views and give the executive a mandate to pursue discussions with other parties."

If the FA fails to reach

agreement, it could mean the Football League retaining its leading attractions for another season. That possibility was raised by Gordon Mc-Keag, the Newcastle solicitor

Belgium's former Formula

One racing driver, Jacky Ickx, and Finland's former

world rally champion, Ari

Vatanen, the winner of six

In the overall standings,

Mitsubishi still lead, with the

Frenchman, Hubert Auriol,

leading Erwin Weber, of Ger-

many, by more than six min-

utes, and Japan's Kenjiro

Clearly at home on the rut-

ted roads of central Namibia.

Salvatore's Lada whipped

past the other competitors

suffering only at the hands of

"I attacked," Salvatore

said, "and apart from

Shinozuka, who prevented

me from overtaking for about

Shinozuka by nearly 20.

stages so far.

Shinozuka.

McKeag, a Newcastle United director, believes some kind of "Super League" will be running next season, but

LEEDS'S superiority spoke for itself, Chapman converting three of his seven chances and the team making 19 goal attempts (12 ontarget); Wednesday managed only a flattering 10 but did notch up

insists it may be under Football League administration. "It is likely that a Premier League in some form will start next season, although time is running out to make practical arrangements." certain it will be an FA Premier League because so much

McKeag believes a feeling is growing within the sport that the leading clubs could have had their "Super League" after all, but under a Football League umbrella. Whether Lytham St Annes gets a belated chance to open that umbrella may depend on a show of FA councillors'

kindly let me past

going to catch me up."

but the French Yamaha rider.

Stephane Peterhansel, still

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has the overall lead. (AFP)

still appears to require

Servia breaks stranglehold S Africa seeks to join IAAF 50 kilometres, they all very

Auriol got lost briefly and also had technical trouble. but still managed to salvage the stage, losing only four minutes to his team mate. "I lost six minutes by taking the wrong road . . . then I hit a tree stump and 10 minutes

later my water and oil lights on the dashboard turned red. There was nothing wrong. National Congress negotiabut I was worried that with all tor, said that African governthis lost time, that Weber was ments would be lobbied in the next fortnight. "They will ac-Edi Orioli, of Italy, won the cept us, they have to; we will motorcycle race on a Cagiva.

> A new ruling body, Athlesics South Africa, was set up in Cape Town, and will comprise representatives of the

BY DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT Amateur Athletic Union and South Africa's best athlete is the Amateur Athletic Con-

SOUTH Africa's participation in athletics at the Barcelona Olympic Games looks gress. Unity is a precondition virtually assured after two of of South Africa's Olympic rethe sport's three governing bodies in the Republic agreed turn and Deon van Zyl, the AAU president, said: "We yesterday to seek full membelieve that unity has been bership of the International achieved with two out of Amateur Athletic Federation. three. We have complied with Steve Tshwete, the African all the preconditions set by the National Olympic Com-

mittee of South Africa." The Amateur Athletics Board, which opposes inter-national competition while South Africa is ruled by go to the Olympics," Tshwete whites, did not attend the meeting. Union and Congress officials decided to seek IAAF membership in Mexico City on January 23 and 24.

Elana Meyer, who would run the 10,000 metres and provide a stiff test for Liz McColgan. Britain is set to provide an

early test of South Africa's strength. No sooner had their return been noted than the British Athletic Federation announced plans for matches in Cape Town (May 23 and 24) and Edinburgh (June 19) 'subject to the country's affiliation to the IAAF. South African athletes could appear at the Glasgow indoor meeting on February 8.

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